



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Cleveland (145-0)**

Date: **March 6, 1969**

Re: **"PEEK" MAGAZINE  
STAR DISTRIBUTORS  
P. O. BOX 362, CANAL STREET  
STATION, NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
ITOM**

00: **Cleveland**  
Examination requested by: **Cleveland**

Reference: **Letter 2-18-69**

Examination requested: **Document**

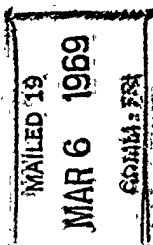
Remarks:

FBI FILE NO. **REC-138 145-4279 -1**  
Lab. No. **D-690220090 IL**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

**ST-103**

Deleted Copy Sent *J. Bernardo*  
by Letter *10-20-76*  
Per FOIA Request *(u)*



Enclosures (3) (Q1, 2 Lab. rpt)

JLB:NOB (4)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Cleveland

Date:

March 6, 1969

Re: "PEEK" MAGAZINE

FBI File No.

145-4279

STAR DISTRIBUTORS

Lab. No.

D-690220090 IL

P. O. BOX 362, CANAL STREET  
STATION, NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
ITOM

*relevant to Cleveland  
to be returned to local  
authorities per memo*

Specimens received 2-19-69

One magazine further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PUBLISHER</u>
Q1	PEEK	---	1968	Foto-Form Publications New York, N.Y.

## Result of examination:

Q1 was not identified with material of a similar nature previously received in the Laboratory.

As requested, Q1 is returned herewith for eventual return to the local authorities at Mentor, Ohio.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach JLB:NOB (4)  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Recorded  
2-27-69  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE

Re: "PEEK" MAGAZINE  
STAR DISTRIBUTORS  
P. O. BOX 362, CANAL STREET  
STATION, NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
ITOM

File # 145-4279 -1  
Lab. # D-690220090 IL

L 2-18-69

00: Cleveland  
Examination requested by: Cleveland (145-0)

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Examination requested: Document

Date received: 2-19-69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: 7-22/4/69

① Q1 neg. O.F.

② As rep., Q1 returned Bureau for <sup>examined</sup> returned to  
the local authorities, Mentor, Ohio.

Specimens submitted for examination

One magazine further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PUBLISHER</u>
NI Q1	PEEK	—	1968	Photo-Forum Publications New York, N.Y.

Inner enclosure envelope a/c 1 size larger than metal closed up

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3-6-69  
JLB:KRB

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

FLB 2/19  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 2-18-69

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (145-0)

SUBJECT: "PEEK" MAGAZINE  
STAR DISTRIBUTORS  
P.O. BOX 362, CANAL STREET STATION  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
ITOM

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OO: Cleveland

For the information of the FBI Laboratory, enclosed herewith is a copy of "Peek" magazine, distributed by "Star Distributors, P. O. Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York New York," which publication was made available to SA [redacted] by Chief of Police JAMES AGARD, Mentor, Ohio, Police Department.

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Chief of Police AGARD advised the aforementioned publication was brought to his office by [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that her husband had discovered this magazine on their front lawn, enclosed in a brown paper bag.

This publication is being submitted to the FBI Laboratory for information purposes, and should be returned to the Cleveland Office upon completion of appropriate examination, so it may be returned to local authorities Mentor, Ohio.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)  
1 - Cleveland

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REC-6 145-4279-1  
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6/2/69

INDEXED FILES



5010-108-01

Labrat  
3-6-69  
JHB:MRH

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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12/15/69  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUBS; dba Star Distributors,  
P. O. Box 362  
Canal Street Station, New York, New York  
ITOM  
OO: New York

NO LAB FILE  
File # 145-4279-2  
Lab. # D-691215026 AV

Examination requested by: Miami (145-703) 12/9/69

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 12/12/69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Brittain

1. NF Q1-Q4 in D.F.  
2. Fwd Q1-Q4 to NY.

Specimens submitted for examination

Four magazines further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>VOLUME</u>	<u>PUBLISHER OR COPYRIGHT</u>
NF Q1	BRAZEN CONFESSIONS	---	---	DISTRIBUTORS: STAR DISTRIBUTORS P. O. BOX 362 CANAL ST. STATION, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10013
NF Q2	INTIMATE COMPANIONS	1	1	"
NF Q3	RAW CONFESSIONS	---	---	"
NF Q4	SWINGERS SCENE	3	1	"

Forward evidence to New York

2 New York (145-2819)

Trans. Lab report  
12/23/69  
CWB: sk  
2 #5 envelopes

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (145-703) (RHC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; dba  
Star Distributors,  
P.O. Box 362  
Canal Street Station,  
New York, New York  
ITOM  
(00 - New York)

DATE: 12/9/69

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Enclosed for the attention to the FBI Laboratory are one copy each of the following described four magazines, labeled OBSCENE:

1. "BRAZEN CONFESSIONS"
2. "RAW CONFESSIONS"
3. "INTIMATE COMPANIONS"
4. "SWINGERS SCENE"

Enclosed for the New York Office are nine copies of each of the following FD-302's:

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11/25/69

11/28/69

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The above magazines, published by Star Distributors, P.O. Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York, New York, address

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. - 4) (RM)
- 2 - New York (Enc. - 27) (145-2819)
- 1 - Miami

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MM 145-703

150 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, were obtained by purchase, at \$3.50 each, from [redacted] Tropical News, Inc., 18335 NE 1st Avenue, Dade County, Florida, a wholesaler of paperback books and magazines with sexually oriented themes. Magazines #1 and #2, above, were purchased by SA [redacted] on 11/25/69. Magazines #3 and #4 were purchased by SA [redacted] on 11/28/69.

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Magazines #1 and #2, above, shipped to Tropical News, Inc., are reflected in Star un-numbered invoice, dated 10/29/69, in quantities of 100 each. These magazines were received at Tropical on 10/31/69, under freight bill #4443547, of Republic Carloading and Distributing Company, Inc., Dade County, Florida.

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One hundred copies of magazines #3 and #4, above, were received by Tropical on 11/18/69. The invoice and freight bill covering shipment were not available at Tropical on 11/28/69, but are believed to be in the possession of the [redacted] Tropical, [redacted] who in the past has cooperated with the Miami Office in ITOM matters. In the event copies of these documents are later required, Miami will attempt to obtain them, when and if so instructed by the New York Office.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the enclosed four obscene magazines to determine if similar material has previously been furnished to the Laboratory. New York and Miami should be advised of results of examination.

Thereafter, the Laboratory is requested to forward the enclosed magazines to the New York Office for presentation to the Office of the United States Attorney for a prosecutive opinion, noting that the photos in these magazines depict some of the actions described in the printed story lines of each magazine.

SAC, New York (145-2619)

January 16, 1970

Director, FBI

UNSUBS DBA  
STAR DISTRIBUTORS  
P. O. BOX 362  
CANAL STREET STATION  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
ITOM

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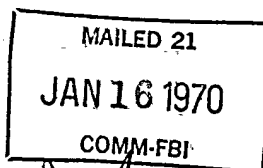
New York furnished Bureau letter captioned "Unsub; Shipment of Package Containing Pornography, United Airlines Flight 935, 9-19-69; ITOM" dated 11-25-69. This communication indicated a report in captioned matter i.e. Star Distributors etc., was being prepared. Bureau files do not contain a report in this matter. If one has been sent furnish date and by whom made. If one has not been sent advise reason for delay.

PAC:ms  
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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Soyars \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_





1 - Mr. Brittain

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Miami (145-703)**

Date: **December 23, 1969**

Re: **UNSUBS; dba Star Distributors,  
P. O. Box 362  
Canal Street Station, New York,  
New York,  
ITOM**

**EX-105**  
*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director  
**REC-128**

FBI File No. **145-4279 -2**  
Lab. No. **D-691215026 AV**

00: **New York Miami**  
Examination requested by: **Letter 12/9/69**

Reference: **Document**  
Examination requested:

Remarks:

Deleted Copy Sent *DiBenedetto*  
by Letter **10-20-76**  
Per FOIA Request *lm*

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DEC 23 1969  
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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - New York (145-2819) Enclosures (6) (Q1 - Q4, 2 Lab report)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

CWB:sk (6)  
**DEC 23 1969**  
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*one*

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Miami (145-703)

Date:

December 23, 1969

FBI File No.

145-4279

Lab. No.

D-691215026 AV

Re: UNSUBS; dba Star Distributors,  
P. O. Box 362  
Canal Street Station, New York, New York  
ITOM

Q1 -> Q4 destroyed  
Quinn Box #18 4/2/71 b6  
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Specimens received 12/12/69

Four magazines further described as follows:

SPECIMEN	TITLE	NUMBER	VOLUME	PUBLISHER OR COPYRIGHT
Q1	BRAZEN CONFESSIONS	---	---	DISTRIBUTORS: STAR DISTRIBUTORS P. O. BOX 362 CANAL ST. STATION, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10013
Q2	INTIMATE COMPANIONS	1	1	"
Q3	RAW CONFESSIONS	---	---	"
Q4	SWINGERS SCENE	3	1	"

## Result of examination: -

The magazines described above as specimens Q1 through Q4 were not identified with material of a similar nature which has been received previously in the Laboratory.

In accordance with your request, specimens Q1 through Q4 are being forwarded with copies of this Laboratory report to the New York Office.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

CWB:sk (6)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

DATE: 1/22/70

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York (145-2819)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS DBA  
STAR DISTRIBUTORS  
P. O. BOX 362  
CANAL STREET STATION  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
ITOM

ReBulet 1/16/70.

Above-captioned matter is assigned to SA [redacted]  
[redacted] SA [redacted] is presently attending the Criminal In-Service  
Class (January 12 - January 23, 1970). A report will be sub-  
mitted to the Bureau upon SA [redacted] return to the New York  
Office.

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2 - Bureau  
1 - New York

JWJ:RAA  
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, New York (145-2819)

Date: February 17, 1970

Re: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LIMITED  
150 Lafayette Street,  
New York City, N.Y.;  
ITOM  
OO: NEW YORK

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

EX-103  
FBI File No. 145-4279-5  
Lab. No. REC-126 D-700206036 AV

Examination requested by: New York  
Reference: Letter dated 2/4/70  
Examination requested: Document  
Remarks:

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by Letter 10-26-76  
Per FOIA Request mu

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FEB 18 1970  
COMM-FBI

Enclosures (4) (Q5-Q6, 2 Lab report)  
1-Miami Enclosure (Lab report)

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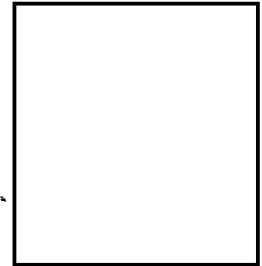
Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Soyars \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
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*CHB/EMM (5)*  
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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, New York (145-2819)

Re: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LIMITED  
150 Lafayette Street, New York City,  
N. Y.;  
ITOM

Date: February 17, 1970  
FBI File No. 145-4279  
Lab. No. D-700206036 AV

Specimens received

2/5/70

One pictorial magazine further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>VOLUME</u>	<u>PUBLISHER OR COPYRIGHT</u>
Q5	SOULMATES	2	1	FOTO FORM PUBLICATIONS NEW YORK, N.Y.

DISTRIBUTORS:  
STAR DISTRIBUTORS  
P. O. BOX 362, CANAL ST.  
STATION, NEW YORK, N.Y.  
10013

Q6 One deck of playing cards with nude drawing on back  
of males and females in different poses on blue  
background

## Results of examination:

The magazine, specimen Q5, and the deck of  
cards, specimen Q6, were not identified with the  
material of this similar nature which has been received  
previously in the Laboratory. Also, the identities  
of the bottles in the evidence, Q5 and Q6, were not  
determined in the Laboratory examination.

In accordance with your request, specimens  
Q5 and Q6 are returned herewith.

CWB:EMM (5)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LIMITED  
150 Lafayette Street  
New York City, N. Y.  
ITOM  
OO: New York

NO LAB FILE  
File # 145-4279 -5  
Lab. # D-700206036 AV

Examination requested by: New York (145-2819) 2/4/70

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 2/5/70  
Examination by: Brittain *2/16/70*

Result of Examination:

*1. N.I. Q5 + Q6 in O.F.  
2. Identities of males not det. in Lab*

Specimens submitted for examination

One pictorial magazine further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>VOLUME</u>	<u>PUBLISHER OR COPYRIGHT</u>
<i>NI</i> Q5	SOULMATES	2	1	FOTO FORM PUBLICATIONS NEW YORK, N.Y.

DISTRIBUTORS:  
STAR DISTRIBUTORS  
P. O. BOX 362, CANAL ST.  
STATION 5, NEW YORK, N. Y.  
10013

*NI* Q6 One deck of ~~obscene~~ playing cards with nude ~~draw~~ drawing *on back* of males and females in different poses on blue background

Return evidence

*Per report  
CWB-EMM  
2-17-70*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO: *SPM*  
FROM: *g*  
Director, FBI (145-4279)  
Att: FBI Laboratory (D-69121)  
SAC, New York (145-2819)<sup>5026D</sup>

DATE: 2/4/70

SUBJECT: *27*  
*5*  
① STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LIMITED  
150 Lafayette Street  
New York City, N. Y.  
ITOM  
OO: NY

700206036

Attached are one copy of Soulmates, Vol. 1, No. 2,  
and one deck of playing cards, distributed by captioned company.

"Bureau is requested to advise if same have been sub-  
mitted by other offices and if any of the models are known.

After review said magazine and playing cards are to be  
returned to NYO.

COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB  
*2546*

3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)  
1 - New York

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145-4279*

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>2/9/70</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>11/30/69 - 2/5/70</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED</b> <b>ROBERT DI BERNARDO aka</b> <b>Robert Bernardo (TRUE NAME)</b> <b>Robert Di Bernarda</b> <b>Robert R. Di Bernardo</b> <b>Frank Ferri</b> <b>"DE";</b> <b>TITLE CONTINUED COVER PAGE B</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>CRW</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ITOM</b>	

The title is being marked "Changed" to reflect the two principals in Star Distributors and also to reflect the mailing address of Star Distributors.

REFERENCE

New York letter to Director dated 1/30/70 entitled Central Sales Ltd., Baltimore, Maryland; Covina Publishing Co., Inc., Collectors Publication, Inc., City of Industry, California; Star Distributors, Ltd., 150 Lafayette Street, New York, N. Y.

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by Letter 10-20-70  
Per FOIA Request 100

ADMINISTRATIVE

On 1/22/70 the Committee on Pornography, Strike Force, Southern District of New York, made available a proposed outline of investigation to be conducted on Star Distributors, New York City, New York; Central Sales, Ltd., Baltimore, Maryland; and Corvina (Collector) Publications, City of Industry, Los Angeles, California.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
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							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW			
COPIES MADE: <b>4</b>		<b>1 - RM 5718</b> Bureau Baltimore Miami (145-703) New Orleans (145-348) Los Angeles New York (145-2819) (1 - 66-7728) (1 - 145-3072) (1 - 145-2648) (1 - 145-2546)		<b>145-4279-6</b> <b>REC-30</b> <b>REC-87</b> <b>EX - 106</b> <b>FEB 13 1970</b>			
Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Notations	
Agency						<b>File all copies!</b> <b>6-65B</b>	
Request Recd.							
Date Fwd.							
How Fwd.							
By							

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TITLE (cont'd)



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Star Distributors, 150  
Lafayette Street, New York City,  
New York. Mailing address  
P. O. Box 362  
Canal Street Station  
New York, New York

ADMINISTRATIVE (cont'd)

The objective of this investigation is to bring about the elimination of mass distribution of offensively commercialized borderline gloss magazines through a comprehensive investigation by Federal and local authorities into the production, wholesale and retail distribution of the material by these companies.

The Strike Force intends to empanel a local Grand Jury and through same subpoena the corporate books, corporate records, and mailing lists (view toward distribution to minors). The Strike Force also intends to grant immunity to certain witnesses such as peripheral retailers, informants, and defendants in any pending case. The Strike Force then intends to issue search warrants for production material such as printing plates, negatives, and office records, but does not intend large confiscatory seizures.

The Strike Force attorneys were questioned as to the meaning of "commercialized borderline gloss magazines," and the explanation given was, "The magazines now appearing on newsstands or in bookstores reflecting pictures of two nude individuals displaying their private parts in positions suggesting an intention to commit acts of perversion and/or intercourse."

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Examples of said magazines are the following, which are currently being distributed by Star Distributors using the address Post Office Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York City, New York:

1. ~~Swingers Scene~~, Vol. 1, No. 3
2. ~~Intimate Companions~~, Vol. 1, No. 1
3. ~~Brazen Confessions~~
4. ~~Raw Confessions~~
5. ~~Soul Mates~~, Vol. 1, No. 2

Magazines No. 1 through 4 have been forwarded to the Bureau by the Miami Office in December, 1969, under the caption UNSUBS, doing business as Star Distributors, Post Office Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York, New York, Bureau file 145-4279, Miami file 145-703, Laboratory Number D-691215026AV. The fifth magazine has been obtained by the New York Office and will be forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover.

The NYO has reviewed the above magazines and pointed out to the Strike Force attorneys, Southern District of New York, that the contents of these magazines did not appear to be "hard core pornography," and based on recent Supreme Court decisions a conviction based on this material would not be sustained. However, the Strike Force attorneys state that to their knowledge this type of magazine which they refer to as "fondling" or "actionable but not hard core" has not been tested in either local or Federal court. They point out that the magazine in question is between the "ordinary spread" magazine and the "hard core" magazine, and they feel that a conviction would be sustained if a large pandering case could be successfully prosecuted. The Strike Force attorneys have therefore selected the above-mentioned three companies which are the largest distributors of the type of material in question, and they intend to join these three companies in one test case.

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With prosecution in mind they suggest a joint local and Federal investigation of the three captioned companies to determine:

1. History of the target corporation
2. Background of the principals
3. Corporate operation
  - a. Material being sold
  - b. Distribution of said material
  - c. Extent of circulation
  - d. Location of production material
4. Placing of informants and/or sources in the company to determine financing, retail tie-ins, location of printing plant, and to obtain mailing lists
5. If available the NYO, Los Angeles Office, and the Baltimore Office should ascertain the number of complaints received by each office from citizens relative to the unsolicited receipt of the above-described magazines through the mail
6. Any tie-in between the three captioned corporations
7. Set forth pending criminal cases either on a local or Federal level

The NYO is not conducting an open investigation at this time and will not furnish any information to the Strike Force, SDNY, without prior Bureau authority.

NYO has requested the Los Angeles and Baltimore Offices to review their files and furnish in report form information concerning the items listed in the Strike Force outline.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (cont'd)

It is to be noted that ROBERT DI BERNARDO was the subject of a case entitled "ROBERT DI BERNARDO aka ANTI-RACKETEERING, OO NEW YORK, Bufile 92-8950, NYfile 92-3968." This case was opened based on a telephone call made between SALVATORE CATERINICCHIO, 481 Valley Road, Clark, New Jersey, a known associate and member of the SAMUEL DE CAVALCANTE family, and Satellite Wheel Alignment Company, Brooklyn, New York. This phone call was made in 1963 at which time the Satellite Wheel Alignment Company was owned and operated by ROBERT DI BERNARDO. Investigation revealed that ROBERT DI BERNARDO was an associate of one FRANK COCCHIARO who was a member of the DE CAVALCANTE family (LCN).

Investigation was conducted by the NYO and it was established that DI BERNARDO was an associate of various hoodlums in New York City but was not a member of the DE CAVALCANTE family according to member sources and other informants.

Three copies of this report are being designated for New Orleans as the result of a telephone call from New Orleans to New York on 2/4/70. New Orleans had previously requested background information relating to Star Distributors in New Orleans airtel dated 2/2/70 in the title "DELTA BOOK DISTRIBUTORS, INC., Slidell, Louisiana, ITOM, OO NEW ORLEANS, New Orleans file number 145-348, NY file number 145-3072."

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The New York City business concern referred to in the body of the report as furnishing information relating to other businesses in New York City is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] To obtain these records a subpoena duces tecum must be served on said company.

INFORMANTS

On 9/15/69, [REDACTED] advised that ROBERT DI BERNARDO was connected with Model Books. Informant stated

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The informant further stated

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On 9/25/69, PCI [REDACTED] made available a

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These cards were shown to Departmental Attorney [REDACTED] Strike Force, SDNY, who advised that they were not hard core pornography but what he termed "fondling". Said cards were forwarded to the Bureau, New York letter dated 2/4/70.

On 12/31/69, PCI [REDACTED] advised that to his knowledge Star Distributors is [REDACTED] whom he knows [REDACTED] and ROBERT DI BERNARDO whom he knows as "DB". He further stated that [REDACTED] the

[REDACTED] Brite Press, is listed as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He further advised that there are approximately three girls, seven or eight men, and that they have a two color press, 23 by 35 and a single color press 23 by 29. He further stated that Star Distributors does their own shooting, makes their own plates but they have their material cut and bound at Snappy Binders. He further advised that Snappy Binders is [REDACTED] individuals known to him as [REDACTED] (LNU) [REDACTED] (LNU) who have been arrested by the NYCPD during the last year.

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Informant stated that to his knowledge, Star Distributors does not handle hard core pornography but only handles what is referred to as "spreads" or "fondling" material.

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The informant was also shown a picture of [redacted] and he advised that he does not recognize [redacted] as being an employee or an officer at Star Distributors.

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During the week of 12/22-29/69, PCI [redacted] advised that he orders his magazines from both Star Distributors, New York City, New York and Central Sales, Baltimore, Maryland. He stated that it is his understanding that some of the people from Star Distributors and others from Central Sales have come together and formed a new outfit by the name of Model Books located in New York City.

On 1/7/70, [redacted] advised that [redacted] of Star Distributors, New York City, New York, recently became a [redacted]

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Informant further stated that there is a connection between Star Distributors, New York City, New York and Central Sales, Baltimore, Maryland. He further advised that Central Sales is being [redacted] and that the new firm is operating under the name of Model Distributors located on the Fifth Floor, 244 West 27th Street, New York City, New York.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 1. Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorney [redacted] Strike Force, New York, New York.

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LEADS (cont'd)

2. Will remain in contact with Lieutenant [redacted] NYCPD, and Patrolman [redacted] NYCPD, for any current information they have relating to Star Distributors, Central Sales and Collectors Publications.

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3. Will obtain a current list of magazines being offered by Star Distributors and determine how same are being shipped.

New York is not setting out any leads for other offices at this time until information requested in referenced letter is received from Baltimore and Los Angeles.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

2/9/70

Office:

New York, New York

Field Office File #:

145-2819

Bureau File #:

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Title:

ROBERT DI BERNARDO:  
[REDACTED]

Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

Synopsis:

Background of Star Distributors, 150  
Lafayette Street, NYC, NY, as well as  
the two principals, ROBERT DI BERNARDO  
and [REDACTED] set out.

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DETAILS:

On December 31, 1969, information was received  
to the effect that Star Distributors is owned by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] and ROBERT DI BERNARDO,  
also known as "DB."

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This company employs one [REDACTED] as a [REDACTED]  
and also employs three girls and six or seven men. Said  
company is able to shoot their own pictures and make their  
own plates and run their material on a two color press or  
a single color press. The material is then cut and bound  
at Snappy Binders, New York City, New York.

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On 11/21/68, Lieutenant [redacted] Public Morals Squad, NYCPD, advised his office; raided the premises on this date of Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette St., New York City and arrested ROBERT DE BERNARDO, Treasurer and Secretary;

[redacted]  
[redacted] These individuals were charged with violation of New York State Penal Code Section 235.05 (Promoting Obscenity). A search of the premises of Star Distributors failed to reveal any hard core pornography; however, 1000 magazines entitled "Lez 3" and "Lez 4" and 1000 magazines entitled "Peck" were seized along with the plates and negatives for these magazines. Lieutenant [redacted] described "Lez" and "Peck" as "spread" magazines.

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On 2/24/69, [redacted] ROBERT DEBERNARDO voluntarily appeared at the NYO accompanied by their attorney, [redacted] of Baltimore, Maryland. [redacted] DE BERNARDO stated they started Star Distributors on 6/29/68 and since that time have been engaged in the business of printing "girlie" type magazines. Both denied printing any hard core pornography or handling same in their business at any time.

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On 12/3/68, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised IC [redacted] from a report dated July, 1968, that [redacted]

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[redacted] of Star Distributors, Ltd., 150 Lafayette St., Brooklyn, NY. [redacted] and his wife [redacted] reside at [redacted] is [redacted] and he and his wife have two children. There is no derogatory information in the files concerning [redacted] or his wife.

[redacted] also advised from a report dated October, 1968, that ROBERT DE BERNARDO lists his business as Star Distributors Ltd., 150 Lafayette St., NYC, and his residence as 370 Fifth Ave., Cedarhurst, NY, with his wife [redacted] who is [redacted]. There is no derogatory information in the file concerning DE BERNARDO or his wife [redacted]

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[redacted] further advised that the files of the Credit Bureau contain no record identifiable with [redacted] or [redacted]

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On 1/6/69, records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, NYCPD, as caused to be searched by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, show the following arrest record on the below mentioned individuals.

NYCPD [redacted]

[redacted] arrested 11/21/68, charged with violating NYS Penal Code 235.05 (obscenity).

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NYCPD [redacted]

[redacted] arrested 11/21/68, charged with violating NYS Penal Code 235.05-1A (promoting obscenity).

NYCPD [redacted]

[redacted] arrested 11/21/68, charged with violation NYS Penal Code Section 235.05-1A (promoting obscenity). On 8/3/65, he was arrested and charged with violation of Sections 1140-b and 2036. On 1/20/66, in Criminal Court, Part I, [redacted] was fined \$150 or ten days and a three month suspended sentence. On 5/12/60, he was arrested for criminally receiving and on 6/6/60 he was acquitted before Magistrate WALLACH. On 10/2/53, he was arrested for Grand Larceny-Auto and on 12/3/53, charges were reduced to criminally receiving and buying stolen property. On latter date he received a suspended sentence and was placed on probation.

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NYCPD B#733399- ROBERT DE BERNARDO, 370 Fifth Ave., Cedarhurst, Long Island, New York, was arrested and charged with violating Section 235.05 (promoting obscenity) on 11/21/68.

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On January 6, 1970, the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), furnished the following record for one ROBERT DI BERNARDO:

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1-2-70

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.The following FBI record, NUMBER **None Assigned**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD NY NY	Robert Di Bernardo #B733399	11-21-68	Pro obscenity 235.05.1	

Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.

Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints.  
Notations indicated by \* are NOT based on fingerprints in FBI files but are listed only as investigative leads as being possibly identical with subject of this record.

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The following is a description of ROBERT DI  
BERNARDO:

Name	ROBERT DI BERNARDO, also known as Robert Bernardo (True Name), Robert Di Beranarda, Robert R. Di Bernardo, Frank Ferri, DB
Sex	Male
Race	White
Weight	175 lbs.
Date of Birth	May 31, 1937
Hair	Reddish brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Light
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, New York
Residence	370 Fifth Avenue, Cedarhurst, Long Island, New York
Former Wife	[REDACTED]
Former Employment	Satellite Wheel Alignment Company, 2715 Stilwell Avenue, Brooklyn, New York
Present Employment	Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York City, New York
Associates	FRANK COCCHIARO. FBI No. 4694219 [REDACTED]

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On January 5, 1970, the Identification Bureau of  
the FBI furnished the following record under FBI Number  
[REDACTED] for [REDACTED]

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Following is the description of [REDACTED]

Name [REDACTED]

Sex

Male

Race

White

Height

5' 4"

Weight

155 lbs.

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

Place of Birth [REDACTED]

Hair

Dark grey

Eyes

Brown

Complexion

Fair

Residence [REDACTED]

Associates [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

ROBERT DI BERNARDO, NYCPD No. 733399  
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Lieutenant [REDACTED] Public Moral Squad, New York City Police Department, furnished the following list which reflects the names and addresses of the employees of Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York City, as of November, 1968:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Lieutenant [ ] further advised that in a separate investigation, they conducted a raid on November 22, 1968, at Snappy Bindery, Incorporated, 49 East 21st Street, New York City, New York, and arrested [ ] for violation of New York State Penal Code, Section 235.05 (promoting obscenity). One of the magazines involved, was "Pleasure Island".

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Lieutenant [redacted] Public Moral Squad, New York City Police Department, furnished the following list which reflects the names and addresses of the employees of Snappy Bindery, 49 East 21st Street, New York City, New York, as of November, 1968:

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The following is the background of Dehne Press,  
54 West 21st Street, New York City, in which [redacted]  
[redacted] has an interest, and Satellite Wheel Alignment  
Company, 2715 Stillwell Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, in  
which ROBERT DI BERNARDO had an interest:

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On February 24, 1969, [redacted] ROBERT DI BERNARDO, who identified themselves as [redacted] and President, respectively, of Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York City, voluntarily appeared at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, accompanied by their attorney [redacted]

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[redacted] and DI BERNARDO, after declining to sign a "Voluntary Appearance" form, upon advise of their attorney, stated that they started Star Distributors at 150 Lafayette Street, New York City, on June 29, 1968, and since that time have been engaged in the business of printing "girlie" type magazines. Both vehemently denied printing any hard-core pornography or handling same in their business at any time.

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This appearance at the New York Office by [redacted] and DI BERNARDO was the result of the New York Office attempting to determine if Star Distributors had printed "Jaguar", "Male Nude", "Artist and Models", "Maidens", "Lez #2", "Tan", "Female Nude", which were allegedly shipped from New York City, New York to Detroit, Michigan.

It is to be noted that N.A.A., PO Box 426, St. James, New York, was distributor of "Tan".

In November, 1968, in the course of a separate investigation, the NYO determined, through [redacted] Postmaster, United States Post Office, that Box 426 was rented by [redacted]

[redacted] doing business under the name [redacted] Associates, and that this box was recently transferred to Post Office Box 380, Canal Street Station, New York City.

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Detective Lieutenant [redacted] 4th Squad, Suffolk County Police Department advised that [redacted] had been arrested October 25, 1968, at [redacted] on a charge of possession of obscene material.

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The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification. New York City Police Department. reflect that [redacted]

was arrested under [redacted] on November 21, 1968 by the New York City Police Department, for violation of New York State Penal Code, Section 235.05 (promoting obscenity). [redacted] associates were listed as [redacted]

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[redacted] ROBERT DI BERNARDO and [redacted]

[redacted] is described as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Also KnownAs	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6 feet one inch
Weight	167
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown (glasses)
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair. birthmark on face
Residence	[redacted]

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Business	NAA
Post Office Box	380
	Canal Street Station
	New York City, New York

Star Distributors  
150 Lafayette Street  
New York City, New York

On January 2, 1970, the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) furnished the following record for [redacted] under FBI Number [redacted]

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The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, reflected that [redacted] York, was arrested under [redacted] on November 21, 1968, for violation of New York State Penal Law, Section 235.05 (promoting obscenity).

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The following is a description of [redacted]

Name	[redacted]
Also Known As	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Weight	150
Age	35
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Swarthy
Residence	[redacted]
Business	Star Distribution 150 Lafayette Street New York City, New York

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Inspector [redacted] Patrol Borough  
Manhattan South, New York City Police Department,  
advised on January 26, 1970, that on December 29, 1969,  
NYCPD arrested [redacted]

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[redacted], at Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette  
Street, New York City, for violation of New York State  
Penal Code, Section 235.05 (promoting obscenity). Seized  
at this time were 2,040 copies of "Soulmates", Volume 1,  
Number two, published by Foto-Form Publications, New York,  
distributed by Star Distributors, Post Office Box 362,  
Canal Street Station, New York, New York.

On 2/5/70 Inspector [redacted] Patrol  
Borough Manhattan South, New York City Police Department,  
advised that on 2/4/70 the New York City Police Department  
arrested [redacted] and  
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on the premises of Model Magazine Distributors, Inc.,  
244 West 27th Street, New York City, N. Y., and charged same  
with violation of 235.05 Penal Law (Obscenity). Inspector  
[redacted] stated that their search warrant was based on the  
magazine, "Odds and Ends," Vol. 1, No. 1, which is published  
by T. R. Press, Inc., North Hollywood, California. No issues  
of this magazine were observed but they did confiscate ap-  
proximately 68 issues of "Young Stuff No. 2," which is printed  
in T. H. P. Vibra Color published by Tudor House Publications  
and distributed by Central Sales, Baltimore, Maryland.  
Inspector [redacted] stated the arrests were based on the latter  
magazine and since the seizure was questionable the arrests  
will probably be dismissed.

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By communication dated December 9, 1969, the Miami Office furnished the following investigation regarding Star Distributors, Post Office Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York:

The publications named "Brazen Confessions", "Raw Confessions", "Intimate Companions" and "Swingers Scene", were turned over to Departmental Attorney, Strike Force, Southern District of New York, for review.

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12/1/69

Date

[redacted] of the book store known as The Reader's World, 2150 Ponce de Leon Avenue, advised that the magazine entitled "Brazen Confessions" priced at \$3.50 per copy, and published by Star Distributors, Post Office Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York, New York, was distributed to The Reader's World by Tropical News, Incorporated, 18335 NE 1st Avenue, Dade County, Florida.

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On 11/24/69 at Coral Gables, Florida File # Miami 145-703

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by SA [redacted] rgl

Date dictated 11/28/69



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ROBERT A. MESSINA, Warehouseman, Tropical News, Incorporated, 18335 NE 1st Avenue, sold to SA [redacted] one copy of each of the following two magazines at a purchase price of \$3.50 each:

"Raw Confessions"  
"Brazen Confessions"

Relative to the above identified two magazines MESSINA stated that 100 copies of each of the two magazines were delivered to Tropical News, Incorporated, on October 31, 1969, by Republic Carloading and Distributing Company, Incorporated, Dade County, Florida, under Freight Bill Number 4443547. The shipper of the magazines was identified as Star Dist. Ltd., 150 Lafayette Street, New York, 10013. The two magazines in quantities of 100 each, were consigned in one carton.

MESSINA stated that the invoice covering the above described shipment reflects that shipment was made by Star Distributors, Ltd., 150 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, on October 29, 1969, to Tropical News. Cost per magazine is reflected on the Star Distributors Ltd. invoice as \$1.40 per copy.

MESSINA stated that the originals of the invoice and Star freight bill will be maintained at Tropical News, Incorporated.

On 11/25/69 at Dade County, Florida File # Miami 145-703

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by SA [redacted] /rgl Date dictated 11/28/69

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12/1/69

Date

ROBERT A. MESSINA, Warehouseman, Tropical News, Incorporated, 18335 NE 1st Avenue, sold to SA [redacted] one copy each of the following two magazines at \$3.50 each:

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"Intimate Companions"  
"Swingers Scene"

MESSINA stated that he was unable to locate the invoice or freight bill covering the shipment of the above identified magazines to Tropical News, Incorporated. He stated that he believes the originals of these two documents are in the possession of [redacted] of Tropical News, Incorporated.

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However, from a review of the log book of merchandise received by Tropical News, Incorporated, Mr. MESSINA stated that 100 copies of "Intimate Companions" and 100 copies of "Swingers Scene" were received by Tropical News on November 18, 1969, from Star Distributors, Ltd., 150 LaFayette Street, New York, New York. These magazines were delivered to Tropical News by Republic Carloading and Distributing Company, Incorporated, Dade County, Florida.

On 11/28/69 at Dade County, Florida File # Miami 145-703

by SA [redacted] rgl Date dictated 11/28/69

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TO DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES 145-1304

FROM NEW YORK. 145- 2P

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RE REPORT OF SA [REDACTED]

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NY COPIES TO BUREAU AND LA.

FOR INFORMATION OF LA STAR DISTRIBUTORS INC., HAS BEEN  
DESIGNATED AS 'TARGET' FOR STRIKE FORCE SDNY.

FOR INFORMATION BUREAU IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND PATENT  
FINGERPRINT SECTION THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE EMPLOYED  
OR ASSOCIATED WITH STAR DISTRIBUTORS AND THEIR FINGERPRINTS  
AND HANDWRITING SPECIMENS SHOULD BE COMPARED WITH CARTONS  
SUBMITTED BY LA INSTANT MATTER.

ROBERT DI BERNARDO, NYCPD NUMBER B SEVEN THREE THREE  
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CC: MR. WALTERS

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TO DIRECTOR

NEW YORK

FROM LOS ANGELES (145-1304) (P) 3 P

ANTHONY MICHAEL RIZZI ITOM. 00: LA.

REREP SA [REDACTED] L.A., JAN. TWENTYSIX LAST,  
BUFILE ONE FOUR FIVE DASH FOUR ONE FIVE THREE, NY FILE ONE FOUR  
FIVE DASH TWO EIGHT ONE ZERO, LA FILE ONE FOUR FIVE DASH ONE  
ZERO ZERO ONE, WHEREIN RIZZI IDENT TO SUBJECT, SAME NAME,  
INSTANT INVESTIGATION.

RIZZI ARRESTED THIS DATE BY BUAGENTS IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD  
ON AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT OF AUSA [REDACTED] CHARGING  
RIZZI WITH RECEIPT OF ONE CARTON OF OBSCENE, LEWD, LASCIVIOUS,  
AND FILTHY PLAYING CARD WITH PICTURES THEREON WHICH HAD BEEN  
CARRIED IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE BY UNITED AIRLINES FROM  
NYC, TO L.A. SHIPMENT MADE FROM STAR DISTRIBUTORS, ONE FIFTY  
LA FAYETTE ST., NYC., VIA UAF AIR FREIGHT ZERO ONE SIX  
DASH JFK ZERO EIGHT ONE NINE NINE EIGHT ZERO, DEPOSITED FOR  
SHIPMENT MARCH SIX, DESCRIBED ON BILL OF LADING CARDS UNQUOTE  
SHIPMENT ADDRESSED TO T. R. PRESS, SEVEN THREE ZERO FOUR VARNA AVE  
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NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. RIZZI ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT FROM UAL TRUCK THIS A.M.

RIZZI ARRAIGNED BEFORE USC [REDACTED] L.A.,  
BOND SET AT THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, REMANDED TO CUSTODY  
OF USM LA. REPRESENTED BY LAW OFFICES OF [REDACTED] ONE  
[REDACTED] ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY ABOVE FIRM IS FORMER LAW CLERK  
OF JUDGE WARREN J. FERGUSON, ALSO DEFENDANT IN SELECTIVE SERVICE  
CASE WHEREIN ACQUITTED.

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IN VIEW OF PAST MODUS OPERANDI OF [REDACTED] IN  
SEEKING RESTRAINING ORDERS AND INJUNCTIVE ACTIONS TO KEEP EVIDENCE  
IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT, THREE CARTONS WILL BE SHIPPED IMMEDIATELY  
TO IDENT DIV., FOR LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATIONS, FOR COMPARISONS  
WITH OBSCENE FILE IN FBI LAB AND HANDWRITING OR HANDPRINTING ON  
SHIPPING CARTON IT BEING NOTED PRIOR SHIPMENT TO [REDACTED] AND RIZZI  
HAD LATENT FINGERPRINTS OF [REDACTED] THEREON. FOUR CARTONS  
OF PLAYING CARDS ENCASED IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS WERE  
CONTAINED IN THE LARGE CARTON SEIZED THIS DATE. CARTON HANDLED,  
AS RESULT OF PILFERAGE AT UAL, BEING RETAINED FOR POSSIBLE  
PRELIMINARY HEARING OR PRESENTATION TO FGJ L.A.

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NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE AT UAL JFK IDENTITY OF  
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INDIVIDUAL ACCEPTING SHIPMENT, WHETHER INDIVIDUAL PLACING SHIPMENT CAN BE IDENTIFIED, WHETHER REGULAR SHIPPING CLERK OF STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD., KNOWN, IF SO ADVISE IDENT AND LAB FOR PURPOSES OF COMPARISONS OF ANY LATENT DEVELOPED OR FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISONS.

NEW YORK SUTEL RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION AND WHETHER OTHER ITOM CASES ON STAR DISTRIBUTORS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH THE PLAYING CARDS INVOLVED.

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LATENT  
By hmm Time 1033pm

CC: MR. WALTERS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DR*

FROM : A. Rosen Deleted Copy Sent *DiBernardo*  
by Letter *10-20-76*  
Per FOIA Request *ms*

SUBJECT: *@* STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LIMITED  
NEW YORK CITY  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION  
OF OBSCENE MATTER (ITOM)

DATE: April 8, 1970

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Mallev  
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1 - Mr. Conrad  
(Attn: Mr. Brittain)

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The U. S. Attorney's (USA) Office in Washington, D.C., has been conducting an organized attack on local book stores selling obscene matter in Washington, D. C. A number of arrests were made in January, 1970, in connection with this program and all were charged with a violation of a local Washington, D. C., ordinance that is the selling of obscene material. Some of the publications which are being sold are considered by the USA's Office as suitable vehicles for prosecution under the ITOM Statute and we have been conducting an intensified investigation with reference to those obscene publications. This investigation has been conducted independently and designed to culminate in prosecution of those responsible for violation of ITOM.

A source of the Washington Field Office has made available a copy of a pictorial magazine entitled "Shocking Interviews, Volume I, Number 1," which, according to the source, is on sale at the Adam and Eve Book Store, 815 14th Street NW, Washington, D. C. An Assistant USA at Washington, D. C., examined this magazine which was published by Star Distributors, Limited, of New York City and considers it to be a suitable vehicle for prosecution under the ITOM Statute. This magazine contains a quantity of photographs of male and female subjects in various stages of undress and some completely nude embracing, kissing and fondling one another. Some of the photographs depict two females posing in such a manner as to suggest they are engaging in perverse lesbian acts.

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The Assistant USA is desirous of prosecuting Star Distributors, Limited, of New York City for a violation of the ITOM Statute ~~that~~ that company caused the magazine to be transported in interstate commerce. The USA's Office is also desirous of prosecuting the proprietor of the Adam and Eve Book Store for a violation of a local Washington, D. C., Code which prohibits the sale of obscene material. The USA's Office has authorized the issuance of a local search warrant which will empower the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D. C., to search the premises of the Adam and Eve Book Store, seize all copies of the magazines in question and to arrest the proprietor for selling obscene material. In addition, the USA's Office at Washington, D.C.,

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LIMITED

has communicated with the USA's Office in the Southern District of New York and it has been agreed that a Federal search warrant will be issued authorizing Bureau Agents to conduct a search of Star Distributors, Limited, of New York City, which search will be designed to secure shipping documents only, which documents will establish the interstate transportation of the magazine in question which is necessary to sustain a successful ITOM prosecution of Star Distributors, Limited. Both of these searches will occur on Friday, April 10, 1970.

For your information, Star Distributors, Limited, has been designated as one of three principal targets for prosecution by the Strike Force of the Department at the Southern District of New York.

ACTION:

We are following this case closely with Washington Field and New York Offices and will keep you advised of all pertinent developments.

*[Handwritten initials: P, JHM, W, AS, USB, MB, WBS]*

April 9, 1970

**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

Attached pertains to the scheduled raid and search for shipping records at Star Distributors, Ltd., New York City, New York on 4/10/70. This raid is being co-ordinated with the Office of U. S. Attorney in Washington, D. C. where material from Star Distributors, Ltd. has been sold, this material is believed suitable vehicle for prosecution by U. S. Attorney. The raid is also being co-ordinated with the Strike Force in New York. Strike Force is planning a meeting with Department officials 4/9/70 concerning this matter and the possibility of additional prosecutions involving Star Distributors for having shipped similar material to Florida and Texas. We are following this matter closely and will be guided by the Department's determination whether the publications involved are suitable vehicles for prosecution.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Walters  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
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Miss Gandy

NR030 NY PLAIN

10 20 PM URGENT 4-8-70 JJT

TO DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM NEW YORK 145-2819

ROBERT DI BERNARDO, AKA

also known as

STAR

DISTRIBUTORS, ONE FIVE ZERO LAFAYETTE ST NYC MAILING ADDRESS

PO BOX THREE SIX TWO, CANAL STREET STATION NYC. ITOM. OO NY

REWFOTEL TO DIRECTOR AND NY ENTITLED STAR DISTRIBUTORS

LTD., NY NY MAGAZINE ENTITLED 'SHOCKING INTERVIEWS, VOLUME

ONE NUMBER ONE' ITOM OO WFO DATED APRIL SEVEN LAST.

RENY REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] FEBRUARY NINE LAST.

ENTITLED ROBERT BERNARDO AKA ET AL ITOM OO NY NY FILE ONE

FOUR FIVE DASH TWO EIGHT ONE NINE.

ON APRIL EIGHT INSTANT FACTS REFLECTED IN RETEL WERE

Assistant United States Attorney

Southern District of New York

DISCUSSED WITH AUSA [REDACTED] STRIKE FORCE SDNY NY. FOR

INFOR OF BUREAU ON MARCH NINETEEN LAST AN ITOM CASE INVOLVING

SHIPMENT OF QUOTE FONDLING TYPE END QUOTE MAGAZINE ENTITLED

INTIMATE COMPANIONS SWINGERS SCENE, RAW CONFESSIONS AND BRAZES 1970

CONFESSIONS SHIPPED FROM STAR DISTRIBUTORS TO TROPICAL NEWS, MIAMI,

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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FLA., WAS PRESENTED TO AUSA [ ] SDNY. AUSA [ ] STATED THAT SINCE THE STRIKE FORCE SDNY, HAD DESIGNATED STAR DISTRIBUTORS AS A TARGET THIS CASE SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO STRIKE FORCE FOR

THEIR OPINION. ON APRIL EIGHT SEVENTY SAME WAS PRESENTED TO AUSA [ ] STRIKE FORCE SDNY AS WELL AS POSSIBLE ITOM <sup>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION  
OBSCENE MATTER</sup>

VIOLATION ALSO INVOLVING FONDLING TYPE BOOK SHIPPED FROM <sup>STAR</sup> STRA

NYC TO BROWNS NEWS STAND WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS. AUSA [ ]

ADVISED AFTER RECEIPT OF INFO CONCERNING WFO CASE MIAMI CASE AND WICHITA FALLS CASE THAT ORGANIZED CRIME AND RACKETEERING SECTION OF US ATTORNEYS OFFICE WAS MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL NINE DASH NEXT WHICH MEETING HE AND ENTIRE SDNY STRIKE FORCE WOULD ATTEND AND AT THAT TIME HE WANTED TO DISCUSS FACTS OF REFERENCED TELETYPE WITH AUSA [ ] MAJOR CRIME UNIT WDC. SINCE HE WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON DC ATTENDING THE MEETING HE WOULD REFER THE FONDLING TYPE MAGAZINE INVOLVED IN THE MIAMI AND WICHITA FALLS CASES TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR AN OPINION AS TO WHETHER THEY WOULD BE SUITABLE VEHICLES FOR POSECUTION UNDER THE ITOM STATUE.

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AUSA [ ] STATES THAT IF THESE FONDLING TYPE MAGAZINES  
ARE DETERMINED TO BE SUITABLE VEHICLES FOR PROSECUTION BY  
THE DEPARTMENT HE INTENDS TO OBTAIN SEARCH WARRANTS AND ARREST  
WARRANTS IN NYC AND <sup>NEW YORK</sup> NYO <sup>OFFICE</sup> SERVE SAME IN CONJUNCTION WITH SEARCH  
WARRANT REQUESTED IN RETEL. AUSA [ ] TELPHONICALLY CONTACTED AUSA  
<sup>WASHINGTON, D.C.</sup> [ ] WFO AND [ ] CONSENTED TO HOLDING OFF ON THE  
SERVICE OF REQUESTED SEARCH WARRANT UNTIL HE HAS TALKED TO  
AUSA [ ] ON EITHER APRIL NINE OR TEN NEXT. BUREAU AND  
WFO WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.  
END AIRMAIL BEING SENT <sup>OT</sup> DALLAS AND MIAMI.  
WA.....LRC FBI WASH DC  
WFO...

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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Date: 4/17/70

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (145-2819)

SUBJECT: STAR DISTRIBUTORS LTD.,  
New York, New York,  
Magazine Entitled,  
"Shocking Interview",  
Volume I, Number 1,  
ITOM  
 OO: WFO

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Re NY telephone call to the Bureau and WFO,  
 4/16/70.

On 4/16/70, AUSA [redacted] Strike Force, SDNY, New York, NY, advised that he had been in telephonic contact with AUSA [redacted], Major Crimes Unit, USA's Office, Washington, DC, several times during the day of 4/16/70. AUSA [redacted] advised that as a result of these telephone conversations, the serving of a search warrant on Star Distributors, New York, NY, was being held in abeyance, and a search warrant would not be served by the NYO on 4/17/70. AUSA [redacted] further advised that AUSA [redacted] was going to discuss this case with the Department, and action against Star Distributors would probably be taken in the near future. Contact will be maintained with AUSA [redacted]

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Bureau and WFO were advised of above by re call.

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 1- Washington Field (145-2819)  
 1- New York

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*DiBernardo*

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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April 17, 1970  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The attached concerns the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter case involving a magazine entitled "Shocking Interviews" published by Star Distributors, Limited of New York City. This case was the subject of a Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated 4-8-70. Assistant U. S. Attorneys in Washington, D. C. and New York City had earlier agreed that a search warrant would be issued in New York on Friday 4-17-70 which would be executed at Star Distributors by Bureau Agents. The purpose of this search warrant was to locate shipping documents relative to the shipping of the magazine "Shocking Interviews" from New York City to Washington, D. C. bookstore. In the late afternoon of 4-16-70 the U. S. Attorneys at Washington and New York mutually agreed to delay the execution of the above described search warrant since they were uncertain as to where successful prosecution of Star could be best initiated. They advised they would resolve this controversy at an early date with the Department of Justice. This case is not to be confused with a similar case involving the Potomac News Company of Washington, D. C. by [redacted] Search warrants in the [redacted] case are scheduled to be served next Friday, 4-24-70. We are following these cases closely.

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Date: 4/16/70

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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Soyars	
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Miss Holmes	b7C
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, WFO (145-536)

① STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD., NEW YORK, NEW YORK, MAGAZINE

ENTITLED "SHOCKING INTERVIEWS, VOLUME ONE, NUMBER ONE", INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF  
Office of Origin 100: WASHINGTON FIELD MATTER

Assistant United States Attorney

AT FIVE FORTY P.M., INSTANT, AUSA [REDACTED] MAJOR  
CRIMES UNIT, U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED WFO  
THAT DURING P.M., INSTANT, HE CONFERRED WITH AUSA [REDACTED]  
STRIKE FORCE, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, RE SCHEDULED FBI RAID OF  
STAR DISTRIBUTORS, NEW YORK CITY, APRIL SEVENTEEN, NEXT.

DURING CONVERSATION [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] COULD NOT AGREE AS  
TO CITY WHERE PROSECUTION OF STAR COULD BEST BE PRESENTED, AND  
MUTUALLY AGREED IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO DELAY SCHEDULED RAID UNTIL  
THAT ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED.

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- 2- WFO

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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AUSA  ADVISED RAID OF STAR NOT CANCELLED BUT DELAYED  
UNTIL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COULD DETERMINE BEST PLACE FOR  
PROSECUTION OF STAR.

NEW YORK HOLD PLANS FOR RAID OF STAR IN ABEYANCE PENDING  
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. P.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. Brittain

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Washington Field Office  
(145-536)

Date: June 4, 1970

Re: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD.,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK,  
MAGAZINE ENTITLED "SHOCKING  
INTERVIEWS, VOLUME 1,  
NUMBER 1"  
ITOM

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Lab. No.

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Examination requested by: Washington Field Office

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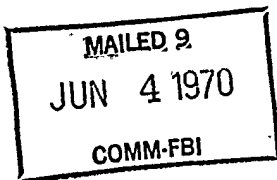
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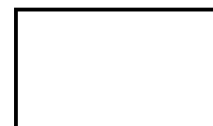
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Washington Field Office  
(145-536)

Re: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD.,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK,  
MAGAZINE ENTITLED "SHOCKING  
INTERVIEWS, VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1"  
ITOM

Date: June 4, 1970  
FBI File No. 145-4279  
Lab. No. D-700521013 AV

*Q7-Q8 destroyed Bureau 6/3/71  
Bureau 9/2/71  
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Specimens received 5/20/70

Two magazines further described as follows:

<u>Specimen</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Publisher (P) or Copyright (C)</u>
Q7	PLAYMATES	32	1	
Q8	SHOCKING INTERVIEWS	1	1	STAR DISTRIBUTORS P.O. BOX 362, CANAL ST. STATION, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10013

### Result of examination:

The magazines described above as specimens Q7 and Q8 were not identified with magazines of a similar nature which have been received previously in the Laboratory.

Specimens Q7 and Q8 are retained in the Laboratory.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD.,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK,  
MAGAZINE ENTITLED "SHOCKING  
INTERVIEWS, VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1"  
ITOM  
OO: Washington Field Office

File # 145-4279 -14  
Lab. # D-700521013 AV

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office (145-536) Letter 5/20/70

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 5/20/70

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Brittain *6/1/70 CWB*

1. N.F. Q7 & Q8 in Q.F.
2. Retain evidence

Specimens submitted for examination

Two magazines further described as follows:

<u>Specimen</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Publisher (P) or Copyright (C)</u>
MTQ7	PLAYMATES	2	1	<del>DISTRIBUTED BY STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD. NEW YORK, NEW YORK</del>
MTQ8	SHOCKING INTERVIEWS	1	1	STAR DISTRIBUTORS P.O. BOX 362, CANAL ST. STATION, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10013

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/20/70

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, WFO (145-536) (P)

SUBJECT: STAR DISTRIBUTORS, LTD.,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK,  
MAGAZINE ENTITLED "SHOCKING  
INTERVIEWS, VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1"  
ITOM  
(OO:WFO)

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Re WFO teletype to the Bureau and New York, dated 4/7/70; WFO teletype to Bureau and New York, dated 4/16/70.

One copy of instant communication furnished for the information of New York in view of New York's investigative interest in this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau under "OBSCENE" cover is one copy each of the following publications:

Magazine "Shocking Interviews, Volume 1, Number 1"

Magazine "Playmates, Volume 1, Number 2."

It is noted the above described publications are distributed by Star Distributors, Ltd., New York, New York.

On 4/2/70, [redacted], Atlantic Magazine Company, Washington, D. C., furnished the enclosed magazines and supporting documents reflecting interstate shipment of said magazines to Bureau Agents.

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1 - New York (145-2819) (Info)  
1 - WFO

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On 4/6/70, AUSA [ ] Washington, D. C., observed captioned magazine, determined it to be obscene, and to have been brought into Washington, D. C., in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1465, ITOM. It is noted that captioned magazine was presented to AUSA [ ] prior to submission to the FBI Laboratory due to AUSA [ ] specific request.

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On 5/7/70, and 5/15/70, AUSA [ ] was contacted and advised that no decision had been made to date regarding the prosecutive status of instant matter.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Examine enclosed publications to determine if they are identical to publications previously received by the Laboratory, and maintain said publications as possible evidence in instant matter.

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WFO will maintain contact with AUSA [ ] re status of case.





FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Miami (145-703)**

Date: **September 8, 1970**

Re: **ROBERT DE BERNARDO, aka; et al.;  
aka Star Distributors, 150  
Lafayette Street, New York City,  
New York, aka;  
ITGL**

OO: New York

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FBI File No. **145-4279**  
Lab. No. **D-700331061 AV**

Examination requested by: **Miami**

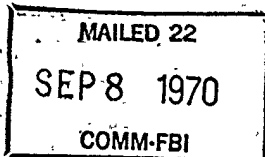
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1 - Dallas (145-439) Enclosure (Lab report)  
1 - New Orleans (145-343) Enclosure (Lab report)  
1 - Washington Field Office (145-856) Enclosure (Lab report)

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Miami (145-703)**

Date: **September 8, 1970**

FBI File No. **145-4270**

Lab. No. **D-700331031 AV**

Re: **ROBERT DE BERNARDO, aka; et al.;  
aka Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette  
Street, New York City, New York,  
etc.;  
ITOM**

*Q9-Q14 destroyed per  
Buy #18 6/2/71  
Banned 9/2/71* b6  
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Specimens received **8/23/70**

Six magazines further described as follows:

<u>Specimen</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Publisher (P) or Copyright (C)</u>
Q9	INTIMATE COMPANIONS	3	1	-----
Q10	RISSIT	1	1	-----
Q11	NAKED SWAPPERS	2	1	-----
Q12	NAKED UPRESIN	1	1	-----
Q13	TEMPO	1	1	-----
Q14	UNMASKED NOW!	---	---	-----

**Result of examination:**

No additional copies of the magazines described above as specimens Q9 through Q14 were found to have been submitted previously to the Laboratory.

In accordance with your request, specimens Q9 through Q14 are returned herewith.

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Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Brennan, C.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
Soyars \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NO LAB FILELaboratory Work Sheet

Re: ROBERT DI BERNARDO, aka; ET AL.;  
dba Star Distributors,  
150 Lafayette Street,  
New York City, New York, etc.  
ITOM  
OO: New York

File # 145-4279 -15  
Lab. # D-700831061 AV

Examination requested by: Miami (145-703) letter 8/26/70

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 8/28/70  
Examination by: Brittian *WAB* 9/3/70

## Result of Examination:

1. N.I. Q9 → Q14 in OF.
2. Return evidence #4 + #5 env.

Specimens submitted for examination

Six magazines further described as follows:

<u>Specimen</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Publisher (P) or Copyright (C)</u>
NI Q9	INTIMATE COMPANIONS	3	1	-----
NI Q10	KISSIT	1	1	-----
NI Q11	NAKED SWAPPERS	2	1	-----
NI Q12	NAKED UPRISIN'	1	1	-----
NI Q13	TEMPO'	1	1	-----
NI Q14	UNMASKED NOW!	--	--	-----

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (145-4279)

DATE: 8/26/70

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY (D-691215026 AV)

FROM :

SAC, MIAMI (145-703) (P)

SUBJECT:

ROBERT DI BERNARDO, aka; ET AL  
dba Star Distributors,  
150 Lafayette Street,  
New York City, New York, etc.  
ITOM  
(00 - NEW YORK)

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Re New York letter to Bureau, dated 6/29/70, and  
Miami letter to Bureau, dated 8/5/70.

Enclosed for the attention of the FBI Laboratory  
are the following described six magazines, labeled OBSCENE:

- (1) "Tempo", Volume 1, #1
- (2) "Naked Uprisin'", Volume 1, #1
- (3) "Kissit", Volume 1, #1
- (4) "Unmasked Now"
- (5) "Intimate Companions," Volume 1, #3
- (6) "Naked Swappers", Volume 1, #2

The above identified magazines were obtained by SA  
[redacted], by purchase, at \$3.50 each, on 8/19/70, from  
ROBERT MESSINA, warehouseman, Tropical News, Inc., 18335 N.E.

- ENCLOSURE 145-4279-15  
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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 6) (RM)
  - 1 - Dallas (145-439) (Info)
  - 1 - New Orleans (145-348) (Info)
  - 2 - New York (145-2819) (Info)
  - 1 - Washington Field Office (145-536) (Info)
  - 1 - Miami
- WPK:jkj  
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1st Avenue, Dade County, Florida, (-a wholesale distributor). MESSINA had earlier advised that these six magazines were sent to Tropical News, Inc., by Star Distributors, New York City. MESSINA stated he did not have access to the Star invoices on the bills of lading covering the interstate shipment of these magazines, but that [redacted] of Tropical News, Inc., would have these records. To date, Miami has been unable to contact [redacted] for the purpose of viewing pertinent records. [redacted] has been generally cooperative with the Miami Office in the past. The enclosed magazines were purchased on request of USA ROBERT W. RUST, Miami, who is still considering prosecution of subjects DI BERNARDO and [redacted] [redacted] for violation of the ITOM Statute, based upon his review of the contents of the above six magazines, plus the four similar type Star magazines previously submitted to the Laboratory and to New York. RUST is awaiting advice from the USDC regarding proper procedural methods in ITOM publication matters.

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The Laboratory is requested to examine the enclosed six magazines to determine if similar material has previously been submitted to the Laboratory.

Thereafter, the Laboratory is requested to return the enclosed six magazines to Miami for use in possible prosecutive action.

It is noted that Mr. RUST advised on 8/14/70, that an attorney of the USDJ advised him that magazines similar to the enclosed are not hard core publications and ITOM prosecution regarding these magazines was not recommended by the USDJ attorney. Nevertheless, Mr. RUST is at present inclined toward prosecution of the principals of Star Distributors.

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Information copies are furnished to Dallas, New Orleans and Washington Field Office in view of the interest of those offices in this matter.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>MIAMI</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MIAMI</b>	DATE <b>OCT 20 1970</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/4 - 10/15/70</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>ROBERT DI BERNARDO, aka Robert Bernardo (TRUE NAME), Robert DiBernarda, Robert R. DiBernardo, Frank Ferri, "DB";</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>jkj</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ITOM</b>	

**dba Star Distributors, 150  
Lafayette Street, New York City,  
New York. Mailing Address  
P. O. Box 362  
Canal Street Station  
New York, New York**

Delated Copy Sent DiBernardo  
by Letter 10-20-76  
Per FOIA Request per

REFERENCES: Report of SA  dated 2/9/70, New York.  
Miami letters (2) to Bureau, dated 8/5 and 8/26/70.  
Miami letter to New York, dated 9/14/70.  
Bureau letter to Miami, dated 9/8/70.  
New York letter to Miami, dated 9/30/70.

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BALTIMORE, LOS ANGELES AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE: (INFORMATION)

Information copies of this report are furnished to Baltimore, Los Angeles and Washington Field Office since all of these offices have an interest in the magazine publications of Star Distributors.

NEW YORK:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will attempt to obtain copies of appropriate freight bills covering pertinent shipments of Star Distributors magazines at "Inland", (a freight carrier), specific address unknown, in New York City area, covering the following invoices of Star Distributors, for shipments from Star to Tropical News, 18335 N.E. 1st Avenue, Dade County, Florida:

Date Shipped	Carrier	Number of Cartons	Magazine Titles
10/17/69	Inland	One	"Swingers Scene", Volume 1, No. 3, and "Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 3
10/29/69	"	"	"Raw Confessions" and "Brazen Confessions"

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Date Shipped	Carrier	Number of Cartons	Magazine Titles
2/26/70	Inland	Two	"Swingers Scene" (number unknown)
5/5/70	"	Four	"Unmasked Now", "Naked Uprisin'", and "Tempo", Volume 1, No. 1
6/4/70	"	Four	"Kissit" and "Naked Swappers", Volume 1, No. 2

MIAMI:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

(1) Will continue to follow this matter with USA ROBERT W. RUST for a prosecutive opinion as to the 10 Star Distributors magazines furnished to him by the Miami Office, all of which were locally purchased at Dade County, Florida.

(2) Following the completion of this investigation will cause the 10 magazines in this matter to be directed to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate disposition.

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(3) At the conclusion of this case, will cause to be returned to

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[redacted]  
[redacted] which he furnished to a Federal Grand Jury at Miami on 9/16/70, and which documents were furnished to the Miami Office by that Federal Grand Jury for use in this investigation.

- ADMINISTRATIVE -

It is noted that New York letter to the Director, dated June 29, 1970, advised that Strike Force attorney [redacted] Southern District of New York, stated on 9/25/70, that he was declining prosecution under the ITOM Statute of the borderline magazines of Star Distributors, since these magazines do not reflect any normal or abnormal intercourse and are a fondling type publication, which would not be a suitable vehicle for prosecution in the Southern District of New York.

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[redacted] suggested that Star Distributors publications be presented in other Federal Districts where there might be a more stringent view toward obscenity.

On August 20, 1970, a copy of referenced report of SA [redacted] dated 2/9/70, at New York, was furnished to USA ROBERT W. RUST, Miami, Florida.

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By letter, dated September 30, 1970, the New York Office advised that by letter, dated July 2, 1970, the Dallas Office informed New York that AUSA [redacted] Northern District of Texas at Ft. Worth, Texas, declined prosecution

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relative to Star Distributors magazines distributed in that Federal District because [ ] felt the material was borderline; "not in the nature of obscenity."

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- INFORMANTS -

The "source" referred to in FD-302 of 8/5/70, set out in details of this report is former Miami PCI [ ] of a chain sexually oriented bookstore located at Hollywood, Florida.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Miami, Florida  
(Attention: United States Attorney ROBERT W. RUST)

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: Miami, Florida

Date:

OCT 20 1970

Field Office File #: 145-703

Bureau File #: 145-4279

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b7CTitle: ROBERT DI BERNARDO;  
[REDACTED]

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

## Synopsis:

On 8/4/70, USA ROBERT W. RUST, SDF, Miami, Fla., was furnished Star Distributors magazines "Brazen Confessions", "Raw Confessions", "Intimate Confession," Volume 1, No. 1, and "Swingers Scene", Volume 1, No. 3. Mr. RUST stated he would present these magazines to a Judge for a judicial determination of obscenity. Six additional Star Distributors magazines were purchased from wholesaler Tropical News Company, Dade County, Fla., on 8/19/70. These included "Tempo", Volume 1, No. 1, "Naked Uprisin'", Volume 1, No. 1, "Kissit", Volume 1, No. 1, "Unmasked Now", "Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 3, and "Naked Swappers", Volume 1, No. 2. b3 FRCP 6(e)  
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[REDACTED] on 9/1/70, declined to furnish the FBI with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was subpoenaed before a Federal Grand Jury, Miami, 9/16/70, [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

All investigation reflected in this report was conducted by SA [ ] unless otherwise stated.

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On August 4, 1970, the following Star Distributors magazine publications were furnished to United States Attorney ROBERT W. RUST, Southern District of Florida, for a prosecutive opinion as to a violation of the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Statute:

"Brazen Confessions"

"Raw Confessions"

"Intimate Confession", Volume 1, No. 1

"Swingers Scene", Volume 1, No. 3

Mr. RUST stated on August 4, 1970, he would take the contents of the above identified four magazines under advisement. He stated he intended to present the magazines to a Judge of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, in order to obtain a prior judicial determination of obscenity.

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Source, a person who has direct information regarding magazines and other publications sold by [redacted], a South Florida chain of book stores, advised as follows:

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Source advised that while a considerable number of magazines bearing the distribution imprint of Star Distributors, Canal Street Station, New York, New York, are handled by [redacted] at its various retail stores in the South Florida area, Source is relatively sure that all of these magazines come to the [redacted] stores in South Florida from the [redacted] Overstock Book Company, Deer Park, Long Island, New York, rather than from the distributor themselves, such as Star.

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Source stated he has no access to the records of interstate transportation of any of the merchandise sold by [redacted]

Source identified the following magazine publications of Star Distributors as being on the racks and for sale at a store of [redacted] as of August 5, 1970:

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"Swingers Scene", Volume 1, No. 4 - \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Embrace", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Intimate Affair", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Whiplash Lovers", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Lusty Tales", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

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by SA [redacted] jkj

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"The Touchables", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50,  
distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Swingers Confessions", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50,  
distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Secret Affair", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50,  
distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Raw Confessions", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50,  
(no publisher listed in magazine, but imprint "SD" appears  
on front cover.)

"Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 1, - \$3.50,  
distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Cheaters", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50, distributor  
identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Wild Confessions", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50,  
distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"Soulmates", Volume 1, - \$3.50, distributor  
identified in magazine as Star Distributors, (lesbian  
publication).

"Embrace", Issue One, - \$3.50, distributor  
identified in magazine as Star Distributors, (contains no  
obscene story line.)

"Brazen Confessions", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50,  
(no publisher's name listed in magazine, but bears imprint  
"SD" on cover.

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"Play Time", price \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors, (contains no obscene story line.)

"Amore", price \$3.50, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors, (lesbian magazine), (contains no obscene story line).

"Soulmates", Volume 1, No. 2, no price, distributor identified in magazine as Star Distributors.

"His n' Hers", Volume 1, no price, no distributor listed, no obscene story line.



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On the morning of August 5, 1970, SA [redacted] examined magazine publications for sale at [redacted], "a book store located at [redacted] in an effort to locate and identify publications of Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, and Post Office Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York, New York.

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The following publications which bore either the name of Star Distributors inside the magazine or the imprint "SD" on the front cover of the magazine were located at the above identified book store:

"Swingers Scene", Volume 1, No. 4 - \$3.50.

"Embrace", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50.

"Intimate Affair", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50.

"Whiplash Lovers", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50.

"Lusty Tales", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50.

"The Touchables", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50.

"Swingers Confessions", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50.

"Secret Affair", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50.

"Raw Confessions", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50.

"Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50.

"Cheaters", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50.

"Wild Confessions", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50.

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"Soulmates", Volume 1, - \$3.50, (a lesbian type magazine).

"Embrace", Issue One, - \$3.50.

"Brazen Confessions", Volume 1, No. 2 - \$3.50.

"Play Time", price \$3.50.

"Amore", price \$3.50, (a lesbian type magazine.)

"Soulmates", Volume 1, No. 2, no price.

"His n' Hers", Volume 1, no price.

A perusal of the photographs contained in each of the above magazines reflected a heavy sexual theme with males and females engaged in sexual contact of various descriptions, exclusive of sexual intercourse or obvious acts of sexual perversion. Two of the magazines, specifically "Soulmates", Volume 1 and "Amore" contained photographs of females engaged in various activities with other females.

With the exception of the magazines entitled "Embrace", Issue No. One, "Play Time", "Amore" and "His n' Hers", which appear to bear no story lines describing activities relating to sexual intercourse and/or sexual perversions of various types, all of the other magazines were noted to have very specific story lines relating to most specific acts of sexual intercourse and/or various types of sexual perversions.

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8/10/70

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ROBERT MESSINA, Warehouseman, Tropical News, Inc., 18335 N.E. 1st Avenue, a wholesaler of paperback books and magazines, advised that Tropical News handles magazines distributed by Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York City, New York, and Post Office Box 362 Canal Street Station, New York, New York.

MESSINA identified the following magazine publications as having been received by Tropical News, Inc., from Star Distributors and which magazines were in stock at Tropical News, Inc., on August 5, 1970:

"Tempo, Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50 (no publisher identified in magazine.)

"Naked Uprisin", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50 (no publisher listed inside magazine.)

"Kissit", Volume 1, No. 1 - \$3.50 (no publisher listed inside magazine.)

"Unmasked Now" - \$3.50 (no publisher listed inside magazine, front cover bears imprint "SD".

"Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 3 - \$3.50, (no publisher listed inside magazine, front cover bears imprint "DS".

"Naked Swappers", Volume 1, No. 2 (front cover bears imprint "SD".

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MESSINA stated that the above identified magazines arrived at Tropical News Company by unidentified truck shipment between March and May, 1970, in unrecalled specific quantities which were rather small. MESSINA stated that he did not have ready access to the [redacted] having

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to do with the interstate transportation of the above identified magazines, but stated that the [redacted] Tropical News, Inc., [redacted] who was not available on August 5, 1970, would have these documents.

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MESSINA pointed out that he is 68 years old and is in extremely poor health, suffering from a heart condition as well as being an epileptic. He stated that in the event testimony is required relative to any publications handled by Tropical News, Inc., the proper person to be subpoenaed would be [redacted]

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On August 14, 1970, United States Attorney RUST advised that an attorney associated with the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., had advised Mr. RUST that magazines similar to the above-identified four Star Distributors publications are not considered hard core obscene publications and that Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter prosecution relative to this type of publication was not recommended.

On August 18, 1970, Mr. RUST advised that he was inclined toward authorizing Federal prosecution relative to the above identified four Star Distributors magazines, but would later make a final decision in this regard.

Mr. RUST requested that additional sample magazines distributed by Star Distributors in the South Florida area be obtained and submitted to him.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The following identified six magazines were purchased by SA [redacted] from ROBERT MESSINA, warehouseman, Tropical News, Inc., 18335 N.E. 1st Avenue, Dade County, Florida, at a price of \$3.50 each:

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- (1) "Tempo", Volume 1, No. 1.
- (2) "Naked Uprisin'", Volume 1, No. 1.
- (3) "Kissit", Volume 1, No. 1.
- (4) "Unmasked Now."
- (5) "Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 3.
- (6) "Naked Swappers", Volume 1, No. 2.

Relative to the magazines "Tempo", "Naked Uprisin'" and "Kissit", no publisher or distributor identification was noted on these three magazines.

However, the imprint "SD" was observed on the front cover of the magazines entitled "Unmasked Now," "Intimate Companions" and "Naked Swappers." The imprint "SD" on the magazine "Intimate Companions" was printed upside down.

ROBERT MESSINA stated that while he is the warehouseman at Tropical News, Inc., he does not have invoices of Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, concerning the six magazines listed above nor the [redacted]

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[redacted] of these magazines.

MESSINA stated that these documents would most likely be in the possession of the [redacted] Tropical News,

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by SA [redacted] [redacted] Date dictated 8/20/70

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Inc., [REDACTED] who was not available as of  
August 19, 1970.

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On August 21, 1970, Mr. RUST reviewed the six additional magazines of Star Distributors obtained by purchase on August 19, 1970, but furnished no final prosecutive opinion.

Relative to the six magazines of Star Distributors, purchased at Tropical News, Dade County, Florida, on August 19, 1970, and thereafter transmitted to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., during late August, 1970, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows on September 8, 1970:

\* Six magazines further described as follows:

<u>Specimen</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Publisher (P) or Copyright (C)</u>
Q9	INTIMATE COMPANIONS	3	1	-----
Q10	KISSIT	1	1	-----
Q11	NAKED SWAPPERS	2	1	-----
Q12	NAKED UPRISIN'	1	1	-----
Q13	TEMPO	1	1	-----
Q14	UNMASKED NOW!	--	--	-----

Result of examination:



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No additional copies of the magazines described above as specimens Q9 through Q14 were found to have been submitted previously to the Laboratory.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] telephonically  
contacted SA [redacted] who had previously left a  
message on September 1, 1970, at [redacted] place of business  
requesting that [redacted] contact SA [redacted]

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It was explained to [redacted] that SA [redacted] desired  
to obtain [redacted]

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[redacted] declined to voluntarily furnish either

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[redacted]  
over to SA [redacted]

However, [redacted] stated that if ordered to produce  
these documents by a Federal Grand Jury or by a duly  
constituted court of law, he would immediately comply with  
such order.

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9/1/70 Dade County, Florida

Miami 145-703

On \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ File # \_\_\_\_\_

SA [redacted] jkj

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/18/70

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[redacted] prior to being called to testify before a Federal Grand Jury at Miami on September 16, 1970, advised that pursuant to a subpoena duces tecum issued to him by the Federal Grand Jury he had

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by S. [redacted] :sl

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/18/70

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By order of the Federal Grand Jury sitting in the United States District Court, Miami, Florida, September 16, 1970, the following documents were turned over to the custody of SA

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On 9/16/70 at Miami, FloridaFile # Miami 145-703by SA  slDate dictated 9/16/70b6  
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On September 16, 1970, the six Star Distributors magazines purchased at Tropical News on August 19, 1970, were turned over to United States Attorney ROBERT W. RUST, who advised that he had not, as yet, reached a final prosecutive opinion in this matter.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/30/701.

[redacted] Republic Car Loading and Distributing Company, Inc., 6411 N. W. 35th Avenue advised he never heard of freight companies known as "Inland" and "United".

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[redacted] stated that Republic Car Loading and Distributing Company, Inc. is a "direct shipper" which picks up freight in various locations and carries it all the way through to its ultimate consignee. Relative to Republic freight bill number 9266175, dated July 6, 1970 reflecting shipment of various cartons from Star Distributors, New York, New York to Tropical News Company, 18335 N. E. 1st Avenue, Dade County, Florida [redacted] advised that the original freight bill would be in the possession of the consignee, Tropical News Company. He stated that records maintained by him reflect that the merchandise delivered under Republic freight bill number 9266175 was signed for upon delivery at Tropical News Company by one ROBERT MESSINA.

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[redacted] stated that he would be the proper person to subpoena to testify as to the legal operation of Republic Car Loading and Distributing Company, Inc. as an interstate freight carrier.

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On 9/24/70 at Dade County, Florida File # MM 145-703  
by SA [redacted] :raq Date dictated 9/25/70

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On October 15, 1970, an unsuccessful effort was made to re-contact United States Attorney RUST relative to a prosecutive opinion in this matter.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MIAMI	DATE DEC 30 1970	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/30 - 12/15/70
TITLE OF CASE ROBERT DL BERNARDO, aka: [redacted] dba Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York City, New York, Mailing Address P. O. Box 362 Canal Street Station New York, New York		REPORT MADE BY [redacted]	TYPED BY jkj b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  ITOM	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/9/70, New York. b6  
Report of SA [redacted] dated 10/20/70, Miami. b7C  
New York letter to Miami, dated 11/13/70.  
Washington Field Office letter to Bureau, dated  
11/20/70.

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by Letter 10-20-76  
For FOIA Request [initials]  
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NEW YORK: (INFORMATION)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
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								PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED [initials] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		
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An information copy of this report is furnished to the New York Office since that office has an interest in the activities of Star Distributors, which is based within the territory of the New York Office.

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AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

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(1) Will continue to follow this matter with USA ROBERT W. RUST for a decision as to prosecution regarding the 10 Star Distributors magazines previously furnished to Mr. RUST by the Miami Office.

(2) Following completion of this investigation, will cause the 10 magazines in this matter now in the custody of USA ROBERT W. RUST to be returned to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate disposition. b3 FRCP 6(e)  
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(3) At the conclusion of this investigation, will return to [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] to a Federal Grand Jury at Miami, Florida, on September 16, 1970, and which [redacted] furnished to the Miami Office by the Federal Grand Jury.

- INFORMANTS -

On December 2, 1970, PCI [redacted]  
Miami, advised SA [redacted] as follows:

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Star Distributors, New York, New York, operated by ROBERT DI BERNARDO and his [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] " Each of these magazines sells at \$3.50, as do the majority of Star magazines.

The PCI stated that he knows ROBERT DI BERNARDO and stated that he describes him as being a cheap operator.  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Miami, Florida  
(Attention: United States Attorney ROBERT W. RUST)

Report of:

Date:

DEC 30 1970

Office: Miami, Florida

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Field Office File #: 145-703

Bureau File #: 145-4279

Title:

ROBERT DI BERNARDO:

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

Synopsis:

On 10/30/70, and 11/27/70, USA ROBERT W. RUST, Miami, advised he had not reached a prosecutive decision as to the 10 Star Distributors magazines previously furnished to him by the Miami Office of the FBI. On 11/17/70, AUSA [redacted] Washington, D.C., declined prosecution regarding Star Magazines "Shocking Interviews", Volume 1, Number 1, and "Playmates", Volume 1, Number 2; stating these magazines are borderline pornography, not showing normal or abnormal sexual intercourse. No "Inland" (trucking company) located at New York City, New York. Three bills of lading (freight bills) were located at Republic Carloading and Distributing Company, Inc., New York City, re shipment from Star in New York City to Tropical News Company, North Miami, Fla. These bills are dated 2/27/70, 5/8/70, and 6/5/70. No record was located for shipments on 10/17/69, 10/27/69, 2/26/70, 5/5/70, or 6/4/70. Republic records at Miami, Fla., dated prior to 12/69, destroyed.

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DETAILS:

All investigation reflected in this report was conducted by SA [redacted] unless otherwise stated.

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On October 30, 1970, United States Attorney ROBERT W. RUST, Miami, Florida, advised that he was continuing to consider prosecution under the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Statute regarding 10 different magazines published by Star Distributors, New York City, New York, which magazines had previously been furnished to him by the Miami Office of the FBI.

These magazines included the following:

- "Brazen Confessions"
- "Raw Confessions"
- "Intimate Confession," Volume 1, No. 1
- "Swinger's Scene," Volume 1, No. 3
- "Tempo", Volume 1, No. 1
- "Naked Uprising", Volume 1, No. 1
- "Kissit", Volume 1, No. 1
- "Unmasked Now"
- "Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 3
- "Naked Swappers", Volume 1, No. 2

Re-contact with United States Attorney RUST on November 27, 1970, reflected that he had not then reached a final prosecutive decision in this matter.

On November 20, 1970, the Washington Field Office of the FBI advised that on November 17, 1970, Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted] Washington, D.C., reviewed the following Star Distributors magazine publications:

- "Shocking Interviews", Volume 1, No. 1
- "Playmates", Volume 1, No. 2

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[redacted] declined prosecution on November 17, 1970, relative to the principals of Star Distributors on the basis that the two magazines named above constitute borderline pornography and do not show normal or abnormal sexual intercourse. [redacted] stated that in his opinion these two magazines were not suitable vehicles for prosecution.

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On November 13, 1970, the New York Office of the FBI advised that the New York City Telephone Directory fails to reflect any "Inland" (trucking company) in that area.

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On November 13, 1970, the New York Office of the FBI advised that on November 6, 1970, [redacted] Republic Carloading and Distributing Company, Inc., 351 - 10th Avenue, New York, New York, furnished copies of the following bills of lading (freight bills) of that company, which reflect shipments by Star Distributors, New York City, to Tropical News, North Miami, Florida: Bills, dated February 27, 1970, May 8, 1970, and June 5, 1970.

[redacted] stated the records of Republic failed to reflect shipment from Star Distributors to Tropical News on either October 17, 1969, or October 27, 1969, and further reflect no specific records of shipments to Tropical from Star on February 26, 1970, May 5, 1970, or June 4, 1970.

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CARLOADING & DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.

FREIGHT BILL NO.

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SHIPPER  
STAR DISTRIBUTORS LTD  
150 HAFAYETTE ST  
NY NY

REPUBLIC  
CARLOADING & DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.

FREIGHT BILL NO.

9209717

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CONSIGNEE  
TROPICAL NEWS  
18335 NE 157 AVE  
N MIAMI FLA

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STAR DISTRO LTD  
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CARLOADING & DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.

FREIGHT BILL NO.

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CONSIGNEE

TROPICALNEWS  
16335 NE 1ST AVE  
MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA

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On December 15, 1970, [redacted]  
[redacted] Republic Carloading and Distributing Company, Inc.,  
6411 N.W. 35th Avenue, Miami, advised she has no information  
relative to any freight company or any other common carrier  
known as "Inland."

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[redacted] further stated that all freight bills  
of Republic at Miami, which are dated prior to December, 1969,  
have been destroyed.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MIAMI</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MIAMI</b>	DATE <b>2/19/71</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/31/70 - 2/8/71</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>ROBERT DI BERNARDO aka.</b> [redacted] <b>dba Star Distributors, 150 Lafayette Street, New York City, New York, Mailing Address P.O. Box 362, Canal Street Station, New York, New York</b>		RE [redacted]	TYPED <b>kam</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ITOM</b>	

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/9/70  
at New York.  
Reports of SA [redacted] dated 10/20/70  
and 12/30/70 at Miami.

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Per FOIA Request fw

NEW YORK (INFORMATION)

An information copy of this report is furnished to the New York Office since that office has an interest in the activities of Star Distributors, which company is based within the territory of the New York Office.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED:						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS.	CASE HAS BEEN:  PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> COPIES MADE:  ① - Bureau (145-4279) 1 - USA, Miami (70-4712-CR) (Attn.: AUSA [redacted]) 1 - New York (145-2819) (Info) 2 - Miami (145-703)						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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At Miami, Florida:

1. Will follow this matter with AUSA [ ] for a final prosecutive opinion.

2. At the conclusion of this investigation, will return the ten magazines in question, now in the custody of AUSA [ ] to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate disposition.

3. At the conclusion of this investigation, will return to [ ] appropriate

a Federal Grand Jury at Miami, [ ] turned over by the FGJ to the Miami Office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONCopy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Miami, Florida (70-4712-CR)  
(Attention: Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted])

Report of: [redacted]

Office: Miami, Florida

Date:

February 19, 1971

Field Office File #:

145-703

Bureau File #: 145-4279

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Title:

ROBERT DI BERNARDO:  
[redacted]

Character:

doing business as Star Distributors,  
150 Lafayette Street, New York City,  
New York, Mailing Address Post Office  
Box 362, Canal Street Station, New  
York, New York

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

Synopsis:

Tropical News, Inc., Dade County, Fla., is in bankruptcy. [redacted] Tropical, advised 1/21/71 he knows of no specific interstate carrier using the name "Inland" but the name "Inland" appears as the carrier on various Star Distributors invoices regarding various magazines shipped by Star to Tropical during 1969 and 1970. [redacted] speculated the Republic Carloading and Distributing Co. Inc., carried magazines invoiced by Star to Tropical on 2/26/70, 5/5/70, and 6/4/70. AUSA, Miami, advised 2/8/71 he would confer with USA ROBERT W. RUST prior to giving a final prosecutive opinion.

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DETAILS:All investigation reflected in this report was  
conducted by SA [redacted]b6  
b7COn December 31, 1970, the office of the U.S.  
Attorney, Miami, Florida, advised that this matter had been  
reassigned from U.S. Attorney ROBERT W. RUST to Assistant  
U.S. Attorney [redacted]b6  
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1/25/71

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[redacted] resident of [redacted]  
[redacted] Clark's News, 318 South  
Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, advised as follows:

Tropical News, Inc., formerly located at 18335  
N.E. 1st Avenue, Dade County, Florida, of which business  
[redacted] has become bankrupt through United  
States District Court, Southern District of Florida. The  
assets of Tropical News, Inc., have been disposed of by the  
Referee in Bankruptcy.

[redacted] explained that in the normal course of  
business between Tropical News, Inc., and Star Distributors,  
150 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, also using Post  
Office Box 362 Canal Street Station, New York, New York,  
it was normal for Tropical to receive from Star one shipment  
of magazines monthly, more or less. Certainly, several  
different shipments of magazines from Star to Tropical were  
not shipped in interstate commerce during the same month.  
By several, [redacted] stated it would be unusual and most  
unlikely for three or more shipments to have been made in  
one month.

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[redacted] stated he does not know of any specific  
trucking company or interstate carrier using the name "Inland".  
He stated that, in fact, "Inland" may or may not exist. He  
stated that the only knowledge he has of "Inland" is from  
seeing that name appear on various invoices of Star Distributors  
to Tropical News during 1969 and 1970, which invoices reflect  
that "Inland" was the carrying company for various magazines  
shipped from Star to Tropical.

Noting that three Republic Carloading and Distributing  
Company, Inc., bills of lading (freight bills), dated February  
27, 1970, May 8, 1970, and June 5, 1970, closely follow dates  
reflected as shipping dates on Star Distributors shipments via

On 1/21/71 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida File # Miami 145-703

by SA [redacted] jkj Date dictated 1/22/71

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"Inland" and dated February 26, 1970, May 5, 1970, and June 4, 1970, [ ] stated that he would make an educated guess and strongly suspected that the magazines covered in the invoices of February 26, 1970, May 5, 1970, and June 4, 1970, were actually transported to Miami, Florida, by Republic Carloading and Distributing Company, Inc. [ ] stated, however, that this speculation on his part is anything but an established fact as far as he is concerned regarding the method of interstate transportation of the magazines covered by the invoices of February 26, 1970, May 5, 1970, and June 4, 1970.

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Unsuccessful efforts were made to contact AUSA [redacted] relative to obtaining a prosecutive opinion in this matter on January 2, 11, 25, and 27, 1971.

On February 8, 1971, the facts of this case were discussed with AUSA [redacted]. He stated he intended to consult, regarding the magazines in question in this matter, with USA RUST, Miami, after which AUSA [redacted] stated he would render a final prosecutive opinion.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MIAMI</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MIAMI</b>	DATE <b>MAR 22 1971</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>2/18 - 3/10/71</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>ROBERT DI BERNARDO aka:</b> [redacted]		REF [redacted]	TYPED BY <b>jkj</b>
<b>dba Star Distributors,</b> <b>150 Lafayette Street,</b> <b>New York City, New York,</b> <b>Mailing Address P.O. Box 362,</b> <b>Canal Street Station,</b> <b>New York, New York</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ITOM</b>	

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/9/70, at New York.

Reports of SA [redacted] dated 10/20/70, 12/30/70, and 2/19/71, at Miami.

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- ADMINISTRATIVE -

An information copy of this report is furnished to the New York Office since that office has an interest in the activities of Star Distributors and the subjects, noting that Star Distributors is based at New York City.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
								PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE							DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] were furnished to the Miami Office on  
September 16, 1970, by a Federal Grand Jury at Miami, which  
[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONCopy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Miami, Florida (70-4712-CR)  
(Attention: Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted])

Report of: [redacted]

Office: Miami, Florida

Date: MAR 22 1971

Field Office File #: 145-703

Bureau File #: 145-4279

Title: ROBERT DI BERNARDO;

Character:

[redacted]  
doing business as Star Distributors,  
150 Lafayette Street, New York City,  
New York, Mailing Address Post Office  
Box 362, Canal Street Station, New  
York, New York

Synopsis:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

AUSA, Miami, Fla., declined prosecution 3/10/71; stating  
10 Star Distributors magazines are not suitable vehicles  
for prosecution.

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DETAILS:

On February 18, 1971, and March 9, 1971, the facts  
of this case were discussed with Assistant United States  
Attorney [redacted] Miami, Florida, by SA [redacted]

[redacted]. On those dates [redacted] stated he wished to  
further study this matter before rendering a final prosecutive  
opinion.

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On March 10, 1971, [ ] advised SA [ ] that he declined prosecution of ROBERT DI BERNARDO and [ ] in connection with the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Statute. [ ] stated that the 10 magazines of Star Distributors, identified below, which had been furnished to his office by the Miami Office of the FBI, are not deemed by him to be suitable vehicles for Federal prosecution. These magazines are identified as follows:

- ~~"Brazen Confessions"~~
- ~~"Raw Confessions"~~
- ~~"Intimate Confession," Volume 1, No. 1~~
- ~~"Swinger's Scene," Volume 1, No. 3~~
- ~~"Tempo," Volume 1, No. 1~~
- ~~"Naked Uprisin", Volume 1, No. 1~~
- ~~"Kissit", Volume 1, No. 1~~
- ~~"Unmasked Now"~~
- ~~"Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 3~~
- ~~"Naked Swappers," Volume 1, No. 2~~

The above 10 magazines were returned to SA [ ] by [ ] on March 10, 1971, for re-submission to the FBI Laboratory for destruction or other appropriate disposition.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (145-4279)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY (D-691215026 AV)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (145-703) (C)

DATE: 3/22/71

SUBJECT: ROBERT DI BERNARDO, aka;

[REDACTED]  
dba Star Distributors,  
150 Lafayette Street,  
New York City, New York,  
Mailing Address P.O. Box 362,  
Canal Street Station,  
New York, New York  
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Re Bureau letters to Miami, dated 12/23/69 and 9/8/70,  
report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/9/70, at New York, reports  
of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/20/70, 12/30/70, 2/19/71,  
and 3/22/71, at Miami.

Re-submitted by separate package to the FBI Laboratory  
are the following identified 10 magazines of Star Distributors,  
labeled OBSCENE:

- Deleted Copy Sent Di Bernardo  
by Letter 10-20-70  
for FOIA Request (w)
- 1 "Brazen Confessions"
  - 2 "Raw Confessions"
  - 3 "Intimate Confession," Volume 1, No. 1
  - 4 "Swinger's Scene," Volume 1, No. 3
  - 5 "Tempo", Volume 1, No. 1
  - 6 "Naked Uprisin'", Volume 1, No. 1
  - 7 "Kissit", Volume 1, No. 1
  - 8 "Unmasked Now"
  - 9 "Intimate Companions", Volume 1, No. 3
  - 10 "Naked Swappers", Volume 1, No. 2

These 10 magazines were previously examined by the  
Laboratory.

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Referenced report of March 22, 1971, reflects  
declination of ITOM prosecution in captioned matter by AUSA  
[REDACTED], Miami, 3/10/71.

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Accordingly, the Laboratory may destroy or make  
whatever other disposition may be deemed appropriate of the  
magazines which are re-submitted.

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NAME CHECK

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November 12, 1974

EX-101

ROBERT DI BERNARDO  
Born: May 31, 1937  
Brooklyn, New York

Reference is made to your communication dated October 31, 1974, your reference HEP:WSL:GS:JH:jec 123-66, captioned "Intelligence Request - Passport Check," requesting information concerning the above-captioned individual.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of FBI Identification Record Number 246 863 J 11 for Robert Di Bernardo which record may be identifiable with the subject of your name check request.

The central files of this Bureau reveal that Robert Di Bernardo was investigated by our New York Office from 1965 to 1968 regarding his racketeering activities in the New York area. Di Bernardo was alleged to be involved in gambling activities and was known to associate with criminal figures in the New York City area. Investigation was terminated by our New York Office in 1968 inasmuch as this investigation failed to indicate subject's active participation in gambling activities in the New York City area. In this regard your attention is invited to New York report of Special Agent Mario J. Simeone, Jr., dated October 18, 1968, captioned "Robert Di Bernardo, Anti-Racketeering," copies of which have been furnished to the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Criminal Division.  
(92-8950-8)

In 1971 Robert Di Bernardo was investigated by our Miami Office concerning his alleged activity with regard to the interstate transportation of obscene matter. Di Bernardo had been investigated regarding transportation of certain obscene magazines. The facts presented to the United States Attorney at Miami resulted in declination of prosecution regarding Robert Di Bernardo inasmuch as it was determined that the obscene magazines were not suitable vehicles for successful Federal prosecution.  
(145-4279)

Our files contain no additional pertinent information and the records of NCIC contain no information identifiable with the captioned individual.

Original and 1 - AAG, Criminal Division by 0-6 (D)  
Attention: [redacted] Rm. 2730

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by Letter 10-20-76  
Per FOIA Request rm

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Robert Di Bernardo

Other than the above, there is no information in our files which would indicate that Robert Di Bernardo is presently under indictment on parole or probation or a witness in a pending proceeding. There is also no data in our files indicating that he may try to avoid judicial process by leaving the country or is there anything that would bear upon the issuance of a passport.

Enclosure

FBI

## TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype  
☐ Facsimile  
☒ AIRTEL

## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
☐ E F T O  
☐ CLEAR

Date 4/26/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI

SUBJECT:

ROBERT DI BERNARDO d/b/a  
 STAR DISTRIBUTORS  
 NEW YORK, NEW YORK

ITOM

(OO: MIAMI)  
 (MIAMI FILE 145-1468) (P)

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(OO: MIAMI)  
 (MIAMI FILE 145-1440) (P)  
 (BUFILE 145-5822)

Enclosed for the Lab is one small box sealed with evidence tape containing a business card in a plastic container.

Captioned matter involves investigation by undercover Agents who had occasion to contact one [redacted] (LNU) in New York during April, 1978. During the course of UCA's contact with this individual, he apparently used the enclosed business card to mix and sniff cocaine.

- ③ - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)  
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Q15 Calling card

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REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

The Laboratory is requested to examine the enclosed business card and determine whether or not traces of cocaine are present and return to Miami upon completion of examination.



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**


To: SAC, Miami (145-1468)  
(145-1440)

May 19, 1978

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 145-4279

LAB. NO. 80428041 S RC

Re:   
ROBERT DI BERNARDO dba  
STARR DISTRIBUTORS  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
ITOM  
OO: Miami

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Examination requested by: Miami  
Miami

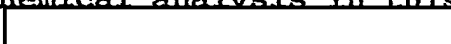
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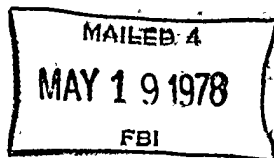
Examination requested:

Chemical Analyses

Remarks:

The chemical analysis in this case was  
conducted by SA 

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Enclosures (5) (4 Lab report, Q15)

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Re:   
ROBERT DI BERNARDO dba  
STARR DISTRIBUTORS  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
ITOM

LAB. NO. 80428041 S RC

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Specimens received April 28, 1978

Q15 Calling card

## Result of examination:

Cocaine, too limited for quantitation, was  
found on the Q15 calling card.

Specimen Q15 is being returned to the Miami  
office herewith.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Miami

(145-1468)  
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note, send four copies to  
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ROBERT DI BERNARDO ~~aka~~ dba

STARR DISTRIBUTORS  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Re:

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FBI FILE NO.

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YOUR NO.

Examination by:

Examination requested by: Miami

Reference: Airtel dated April 26, 1978

Examination requested: Chemical Analyses

Specimens received: April 28, 1978

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Q15

Calling card

Cocaine identified on card. Less than  
1. milligram scraped off. Approx 20-30% cocaine  
based upon percentage entering CH<sub>2</sub>OH solution  
in plastic

Calling card in 1/2" x 1 3/4" x 4 blue top + gold  
bottom box sent h/w in 8 x 10 man envelope.

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Q - Calling card

- Small white flecks picked off card w/ spatula. Put in micro-test tube, one drop  $\text{CHCl}_3$  - MeOH added.
- GC-MS 1  $\mu\text{l}$  shot. IDENT COCAINE
- GC - OV-17 1  $\mu\text{l}$  Q shot.  $180^\circ$ - $250^\circ$ . Known cocaine shot same conditions

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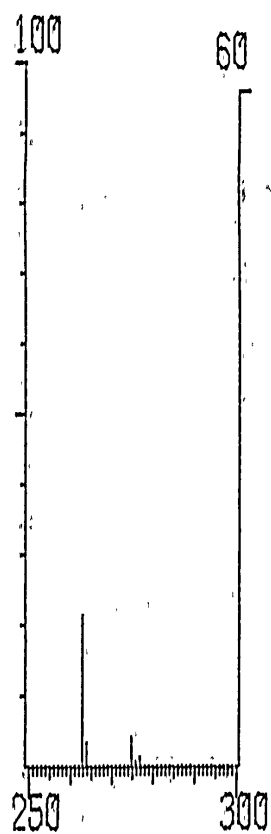
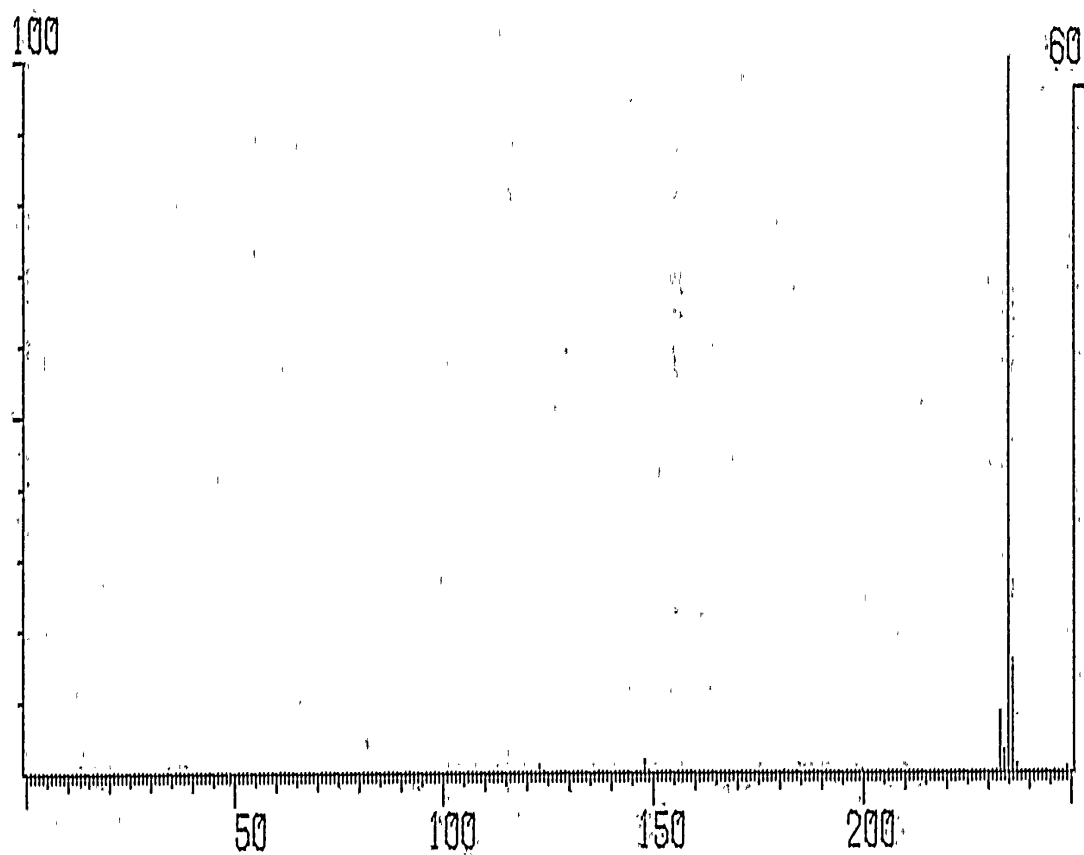
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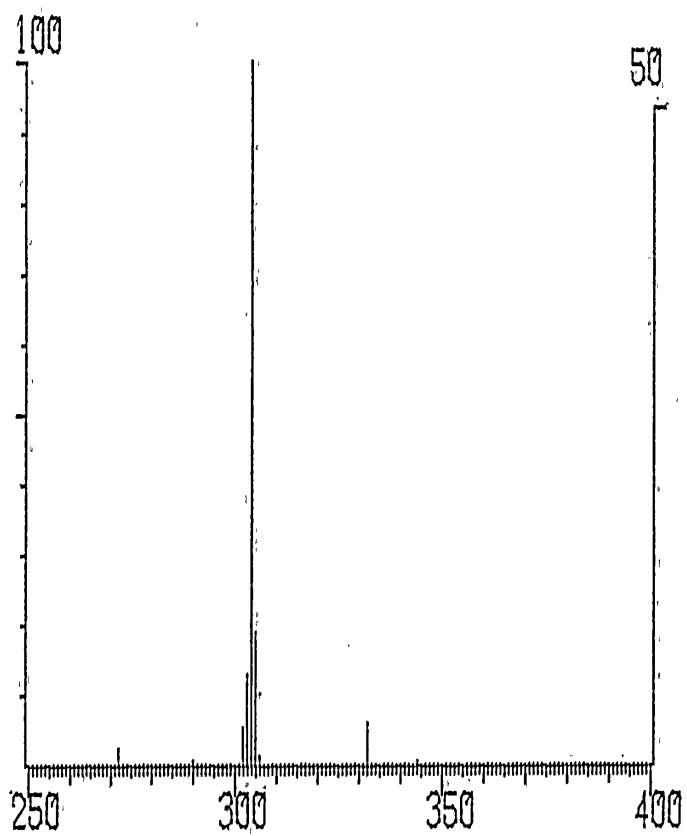
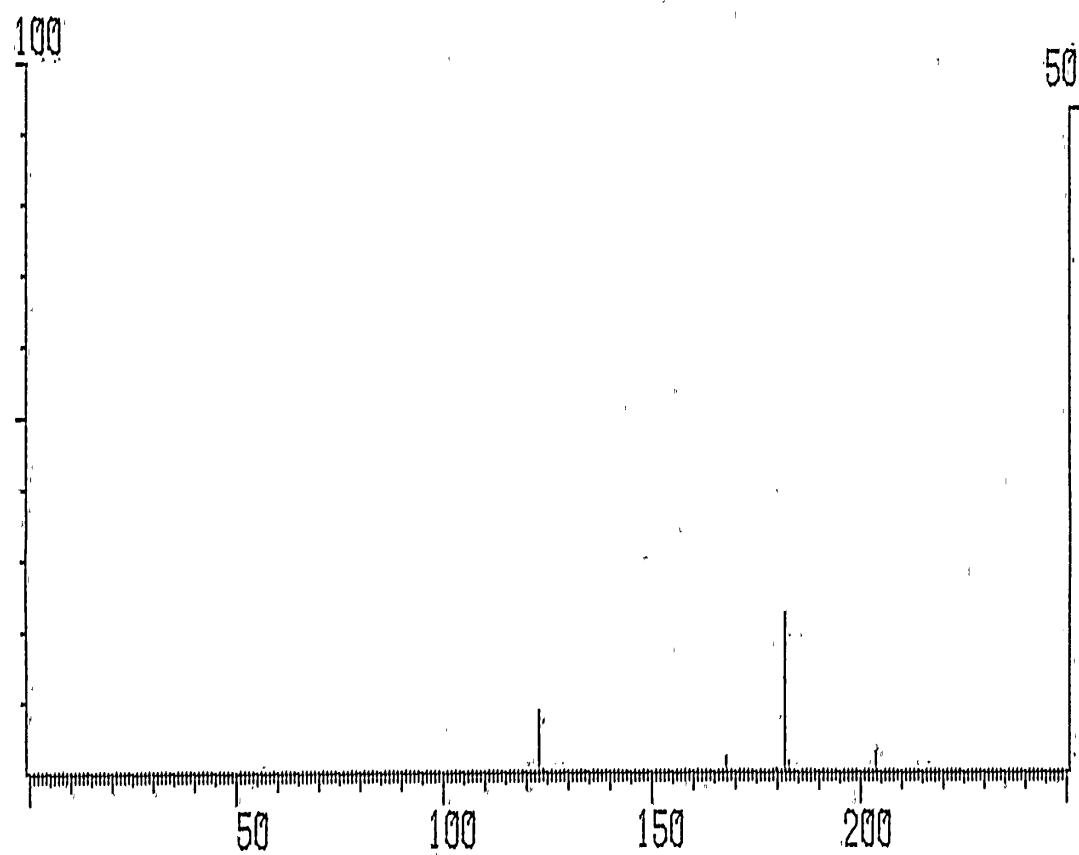
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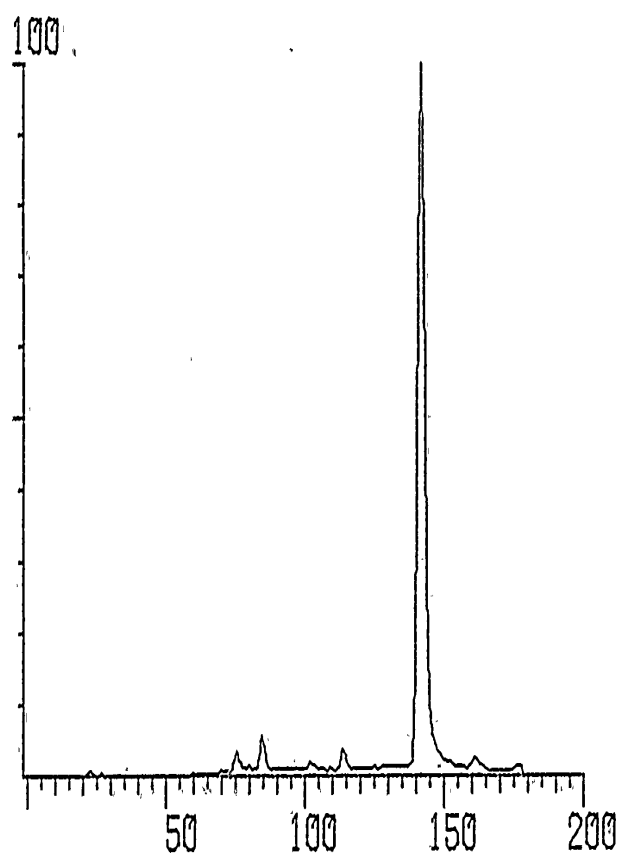


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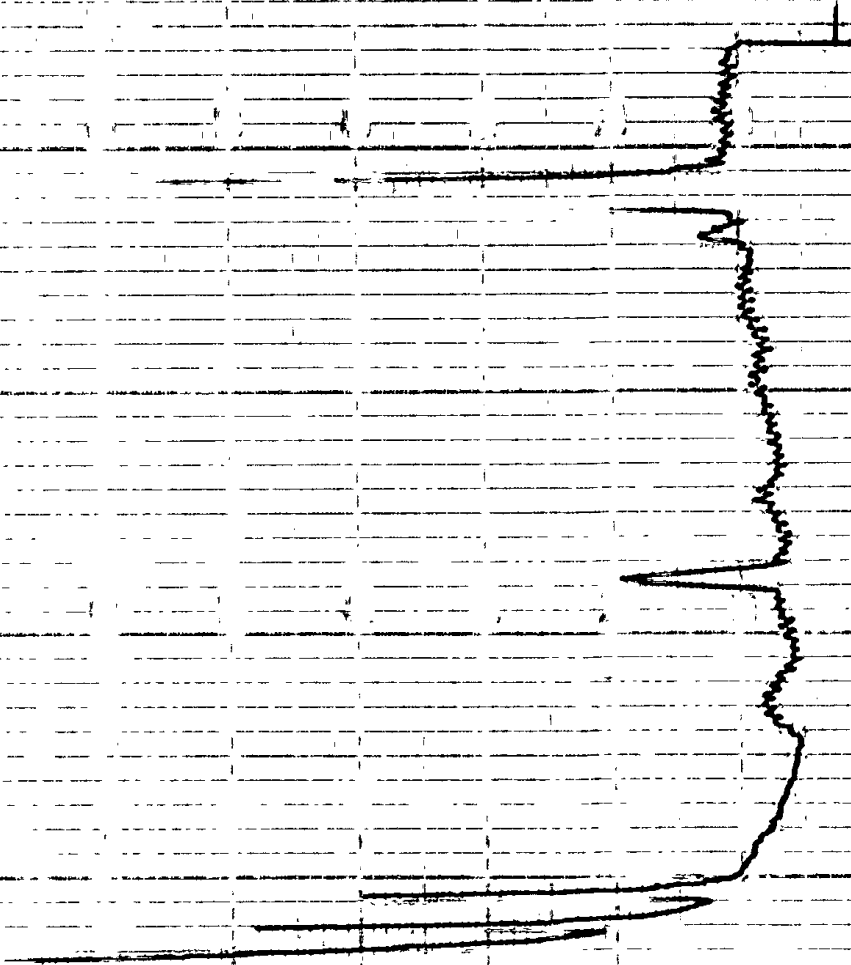
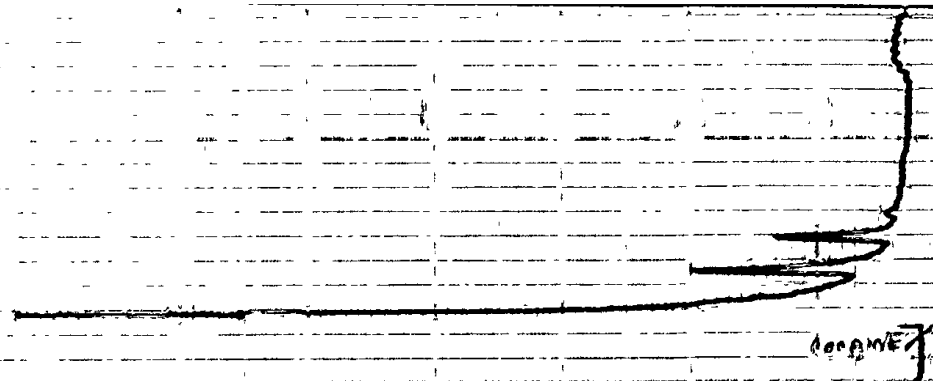


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TO DIRECTOR (145-5823) PRIORITY

ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION

NEW YORK (133-1549) PRIORITY

ATTENTION: SA [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES PRIORITY

ATTENTION: SA [REDACTED]

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MIAMI, RICO OO:MIAMI.

ROBERT DI BERNARDO, AKA; ET AL; ITOM; OO:MIAMI.

SPECIAL ATTORNEY [REDACTED] MIAMI STRIKE FORCE, HAS REQUESTED

SAS [REDACTED] (LOS ANGELES) AND [REDACTED] (NEW

YORK) BE AVAILABLE IN MIAMI 9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1981, TO

TESTIFY IN DI BERNARDO TRIAL. SAS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO TESTIFY

REGARDING FICTITIOUS RETURN ADDRESSES UTILIZED IN SHIPPING

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PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL TO MIAMI BY SUBJECTS AND RELATED INVESTIGATION.

BOTH SAS WILL DEFINITELY TESTIFY AND SAC, MIAMI, CONCURS WITH TRAVEL.

JACB, SAS [ ] AND [ ] SHOULD ARRANGE TO BE PRESENT IN MIAMI SOMETIME DURING TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1981, TO CONFER WITH ATTORNEYS PRIOR TO GIVING TESTIMONY.

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